

Good morning, Australians, although speaking to you I should bid you good afternoon. But it is morning in Ireland - seven o'clock the morning after a God-given night. For last night was a night given by God to Ireland - a night of beauty and of grace abounding - a God-given night in a God-given week.

After ^{midnight} Mass a few short hours ago I drove through the streets of Dublin - streets full of worshippers on their way home from Mass; ~~an~~ automobiles, trolley cars, buses, jaunting cars ~~barriers~~ in seemingly unending lines hurried on with their passengers; the ^{principally} streets were a blaze ^{of flowers and} of fairy-light, and of bunting and of flags. For the City Corporation and the Congress Committee have provided hundreds of flags and hanging flower-baskets, and miles of bunting. But far more moving and more splendid are the effects achieved in the poorer districts of the city. Every alley has its shrine set up by the collection ⁱⁿ contribution of Dublin's poorest. Every alley has too its ~~arch~~ triumphal arch its avenue of flags, its banked masses of greenery. Nelson, from his Pillar, looks down in stony amazement on the street-dealers' ~~stall~~ around the base of his smoke-blackened

Et Gloria Domini Super Te Orla Est,

It could have rained that morning but we knew
it would not for the children had prayed God to
bless Ireland with a fine Sunday. It was 9.30 when I
started out for the Park - already a large crowd
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As we drove by at 2 o'clock newsboys exultantly called SPECIAL EDITION and rapidly sold copies of newspapers just off the press containing accounts of the midnight mass.

Midnight mass was celebrated in all the Churches of the City at 12.30 last night. I assisted at Pontifical High Mass in the Capuchin Church which was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop of SIMLA. ^{When Mass began all} the thoroughfares near the Church were thronged with those who were unable to get in - inside, the Church was packed to capacity and thousands approached ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~and~~ received Holy Communion. I am sure the same held good for every Church in the City.

Yes, last night with its midnight mass and unforgettable ^{manifestations} of faith and of love ^{for Our Divine Lord in the Blessed Eucharist} was an outstanding night in Ireland's history and yesterday ^{at 3 p.m.} was an outstanding day for yesterday ^{at 3 p.m.} was formally opened at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral the 31st International Eucharistic Congress. Long before 3 o'clock the Pro-Cathedral was crowded and every approach was thronged for miles with a crowd eager and ^{devout} ~~devotional~~ awaiting the arrival of the Holy Father's representative, His Eminence, Cardinal Lorenzo

Lauri. The Bishops, Cardinals and Legate went slowly to their places. Then the Apostolic Letter of His Holiness was read - in Latin by Monsignor Walsh and in English by Monsignor Spelman. "Rightly", said His Holiness in the letter, "does the whole Catholic World unite to-day in its rejoicings of the Irish people, whose ancestors carried forth the religion of their ~~far~~ fathers and widely diffused it in very many parts of Europe, in North America, in South Africa, and in the distant lands of Australia and New Zealand. His Holiness speaks of the appropriateness of the time chosen to render magnificent tribute to the Mystery of Faith - this year which marks the fifteenth centenary of the coming of Saint Patrick. ~~and he continues~~

Lack of time prevents me from dwelling on the memorable welcome ^{the} Legate ~~when he arrived~~ on Monday. ^{neither} ~~For~~ can I dwell on the Garden Party ^{held yesterday} in his honour in the grounds of Blackrock College nor on ~~the~~ State Reception ~~last~~ on Tuesday night.

~~I must conclude. It is indeed an honour to have the privilege of talking to Australia from Dublin.~~

Our ~~own~~ Congress in Sydney was indeed magnificent in its devotion, in its numbers, in its gorgeous pageantry but I think that ~~all~~ ~~that~~ it will be ~~exceeded~~ ~~by~~ ~~all~~ who have been eye witnesses that the Present Eucharistic Congress being held in Dublin has never been surpassed and scarcely ever will be surpassed. In Dublin - the home of that Irish Catholic Faith that has no peer - have gathered men and women from the ends of the earth - the Cardinal legate, nine Princes of the Church, 200 Archbishops and Bishops, thousands of priests and hundreds of thousands of ^{Catholic} thousands of laity. Everywhere in Ireland has sent representatives to do honour to Christ our King in Dublin's streets and the Lord has blessed the land with glorious sunshine.

Our own Congress in Sydney was magnificent in its manifestation of devotion, in its numbers, in its gorgeous pageantry but I doubt if the Dublin Congress has ever been surpassed or ever will be surpassed.

I must conclude. It is indeed a great honour to have had this privilege of speaking to Australia. Beannacht Dé lith.

~~R. C. Dunlop~~