

# Text of Holy Father's Radio Message To Eucharistic Congress

## Venerable Brethren and Beloved Sons:

Always great and glorious in the history of a country is the date on which the Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated for the first time, the date on which for the first time the people are consecrated and sanctified with the Real Presence in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. But that date is doubly great and glorious if at the same time it coincides with the day of the nation's birth.

On February 12, 1841, camping near the waters of the Mapocho River, the troops of Valdivia set up their tents beneath the hill of Huaseny. A few hours afterwards, on a humble altar the King of Heaven and Earth descended into the hands of Rodrigo Gonzalez de Marmolejo: the Sacred Host was raised between earth and sky "with such brilliance that the splendor of the sun in comparison was as that of a small star" (Epic poem of Ercilla Araucana, Song IX). As was beautifully said even though with another purpose by the sterling poet of your initial glory, the Body of Christ was raised on high between the snowy peaks of the Andes and the blue waters of the ocean.

Chile a new nation was born within the bosom of the Church, and its fruitful land was sanctified forever with the Real Presence of Christ.

### Song of Gratitude

With laudatory accord, Venerable Brethren and Beloved Children, you have again brought together around this altar where the Eucharistic Sovereign triumphs all your nation, your priests and people. With reason, the prelates and the representatives of all the provinces gather today around Him Who is the Giver of all Good in order to render tribute and homage of gratitude. And we give thanks to Heaven, because across the immensity of space which now encompasses the theater of terrible conflicts, we can join our voice with yours to elevate a song of gratitude to the Lamb sacrificed on the altar.

He is the One Who in order to be present at the moment of your birth, inspired great Eucharistic fervor in the Spirit of the autosacramental and in the artistic mysteries of St. Pelayo Baylon, and the spirit of the Holy Ghost burning under the brilliant banners desired to communicate this fervor to your hearts, in order to make of that Faith whose strength and center is in the Eucharist, the staunch support of your history, the base element of your culture, the fundamental characteristic of your personality and an impulse for progressive enterprises.

In this manner, Chile consolidated its nationality before the other countries that were springing up in the New World. This is the way in which before the astonished eyes of humanity you proceeded with your gradual and harmonious growth like the architectural curve of an arch. With the love of God and of your country with the immovable foundation of your Faith, without which the explanation of your history would be fruitless, a Faith which has its synthesis and symbol in the center and summary in the Sacrament of the Altar (Mysterium Fidei) were forged your nationality and your individual character. This character possesses much of the nobility and strength of the inaccessible peaks whose shadows protected your cradle, it is a character which was tempered with the quiet and grace of the great ocean whose gentle winds, from the dawn of your history, have refreshed your brows.

### Cathedral on Historic Site

Today, in the place where the first humble altar stood, your magnificent Cathedral rises to heaven, the beauty of its twin towers and the grandeur of its building. The center of your great Capital's busy life is protected by the statue of the Immaculate Mother on the hill of San Cristobal. And far in the distance, resting on sunny shores, or upon the mountains, stand thousands and thousands of towns and cities, which also have as their center graceful monumental towers or humble churches, proclaiming to all the Presence of the Divine Guest, the Lord of the Tabernacle. Hasten to His throne of love and thank Him for your being. Tell Him that you wish to correspond to the blessings He constantly pours upon your great people: He is the One Who has given you the beautiful sky, your fertile land, and your wide ocean. He gave you the precious gift of the Lamb in

the very first hours of your life. To Him you owe your material progress, your civic and social development, your high intellectual level, demonstrated by so many academies and schools, but in a very special way by your beautiful Catholic University. He has given you a zealous, illustrious and paternal episcopate, promoting for your service a virtuous and cultured clergy, which, regrettably, is not numerically sufficient.

Finally, He wished to elevate you so that you might give the magnificent example of a great Catholic nation to a level attained by few countries of ancient history and culture. Grouped together as you are now before His altar, a multitude that the eye cannot grasp, ask Him to preserve and augment in you those precious gifts.

May He, "O Sacramentum pietatis," preserve to your people the precious gift of Faith against the propaganda of false doctrines, against the threats of overwhelming immorality, against dissolving unbelief against the rebirth of paganism.

### Perfect Spirit of Unity

May He, "O Signum unitatis," continue and perfect this marvelous unity of your people, one and united from the torrid zones of the Equator to the freezing cold of the Antarctic.

May this Sacrament, "O Vinculum Caritatis," constantly remind you that you are all brothers rich and poor, that he who closes his eyes and his heart to the tears of the poor is not a Christian, that he who looks with indifference on the weakness of his brothers and abandons them to their misery does not feel the Holy Eucharist to be the perfection of the spiritual unity of the Mystical Body of Christ. "O Sacramentum"

May your families, drinking of His life at the inexhaustible Fountain of this Sacrament, feel themselves honored in seeing God's call in ever-growing number of your children to His sanctuary. There must be the case in a nation when a new idea of integration is being born, the idea of integrating the City (Roma) with the Pontifical College (Pa. Latino Am.)

### Hope for Dissidents' Return

May those social groups that were led astray by false doctrines or fallacious promises return to the bosom of the Church. May they return to her maternal embrace drawn by the light of the Holy Sacrament.

May all, particularly those of your beloved sons whom Catholic Action has grouped about their Hierarchy as most zealous auxiliaries, work without repose until Christian thought and practice penetrate into the deepest corners of your public and private, individual and social life - at home, in the workshop, in the office and especially in the schools. The schools are forges at which are molded the souls of your children, your children who are called to maintain and to raise to an even higher level the glorious traditions inherited from your ancestors. And they will never rise to the level they should attain if the Holy Fire of Christian thought and practice is allowed to smoulder.

May all together, especially those called in a particular manner to teach the people the way of truth, enlightened by the norms of Our great predecessors, Leo XIII and Pius XI, and those which We ourselves established in our message of Pentecost, lift higher and higher the living and brilliant torch of Catholic principles and enterprises.

May the beloved nation of Chile, for its greater grandeur and constant prosperity, never drift away from the source of living waters where Faith is strengthened and Christian life is perfected and renewed. May it incorporate itself in sovereign fashion in the Divine Life of the Son of God present on the altars Qui vult.

### Recalls Diplomatic Relations

Nor do We wish to pass over in silence a particularly glorious chapter in the history of your nation. We refer to the relations established with this Holy See, the first of all the American Republics then coming into life. Sixty-four years after the Chief Executive O'Higgins was elected to office, he sent Jose Ignacio Cienfuegos across the sea to establish the first contact. Pius VII, on the other hand, did not delay in sending to Santiago the Vicar Apostolic Juan Maria Archbishop of Elqui, accompanied by the young Canon Giustino Maria Mastip Peretti. The latter thought to stay with you and to consecrate himself to the Missions of the Andes, but he was recalled to Rome and being raised to the Chair of St. Peter (Pope Pius IX) he entrusted these Missions to the apostolic sons of St. Francis of Assisi.

The love for your great country that burned in the heart of this great Pontiff has come down intact to the latest of his successors and today has set aflame his words so that he may unite to yours his song of gratitude and his prayers before the throne of the Sacramental King.

### Keep Alive Flame of Faith

May the Virgin of the Rosary from the heights of Andes one day protect your nation. May Our Lady of Mount Carmel Patroness of your city in whose chapel the Blessed Sacrament was reserved for the first time keep always alive the flame of your faith, the torch of your charity, the fire of your devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. May Christ the Redeemer Who has been raised above the highest peaks of the Andes give you always the precious gift of Faith as He gave it to you once before. His presence on these mountains bordering between two great nations linked today by fraternal bonds is a solemn memorial of this gift.

May there flow from the Cross which He presses against His heart a torrent of graces which will first inundate your soil then your entire continent then all the seas then all the lands, the whole world. And above this ocean, truly pacific, may His right hand trace the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of all men, brothers at last.

With these sentiments and desires, and with all the outpouring of Our paternal affection to you, Venerable Brethren, to all your clergy, to all who are gathered today in this Eighth National Eucharistic Congress and to all the beloved Chilean nation, We impart with all Our heart the Apostolic Benediction.

### Chilean Throng Hears Pontiff

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trations of Chile and Sunday the closing day was set aside as a day of special prayer according to the wish of the Papal Legate when the faithful prayed for the peace of the world.

The fervent prayer of the Chilean nation was voiced by the Most Rev. Jose M. Caro Rodriguez, Archbishop of Santiago, when he greeted the Cardinal Legate at the Cathedral.

On Saturday the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Military Delegate of the Army and Navy Ordinate of the United States, was the celebrant of a Military Mass in Bulnes Plaza. More than 100,000 persons attended.

Members of the Hierarchy from eleven countries, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, the United States, Uruguay, Venezuela and Chile, attended the Congress.

### Sea Convoy Admiral Visits Shrine Often

MONTREAL - St. Joseph is my best friend, declares Admiral Robert Hornell. And at every opportunity Sir Robert takes a few hours off from escorting convoys across the Atlantic to visit St. Joseph's Oratory here to offer thanks for a safe passage.

The Rev. E. M. Brassard, C.S.C., one of priests attached to the famous shrine, which was founded by a humble porter, the late Brother Andre, tells the following story of a recent visit to the shrine by Sir Robert.

One Sunday evening, during the torchlight procession held every Sunday throughout the summer a man, rather advanced in years and wearing the uniform of a naval officer was particularly noticeable while following the procession.

Following Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Father Rector invited him to approach the altar erected on the mountain side. As soon as this ceremony was over, Father Brassard was introduced to the naval officer whose name was Admiral Robert Hornell.

"I came," he told Father Brassard, "to pray to St. Joseph who is my best friend."

In the ensuing conversation Father Brassard found that he was a convert since the last war.

Admiral Robert first came to St. Joseph's Oratory with a friend in March, 1940, and was deeply impressed with its atmosphere of peace and piety. Each time he visits this shrine to ask St. Joseph's protection he has procured medals of the Saint and pictures of Brother Andre, which he distributes to his crew.

## U. S.-China Leader Dies A Convert In Native Land



Philip Lee (left), long the leader of Philadelphia's Chinatown who before his death in Hongkong recently, entered the Catholic Church. Pictured with him is a descendant, little Dicky Lee, also a convert and the late Dr. Chang Shan-Tse, noted Chinese artist. (N.C.W.C.)

(By NCWC News Service)

Word has been received of the death in Hongkong of Philip Lee, long the leader of Philadelphia's Chinatown. He died a convert to the Catholic Faith—the Faith of his friend Cardinal Dougherty.

### King of England Visits Center in Liverpool Apostleship of Sea

LONDON — King George has paid a surprise visit to Atlantic House Apostleship of the Sea recreational center in Liverpool. There he met the members of the Guild of Our Lady of the Ships, the voluntary workers who help to run the center.

### VEVERAN HELD IN SLAYING OF NOTED SPANISH PRIESTS

VATICAN CITY — A man named Pablo Martin Ronco described as an ex-soldier recently returned from France has been arrested by the police of Toledo, Spain for the assassination of the Rev. Don Jesus Morales Sanchez, parish priest of Orguz, and the Rev. Don Joaquin de la Madrid Canon of the Cathedral at Toledo according to word reaching here.

The Rev. Don Joaquin de la Madrid numbered among his former pupils Monsignor Narciso Estenaga Echevarria, Bishop of Ciudad Real, who also was slain by Communists during the Spanish civil war.

### PRAYERS FOR PEACE WIDELY RECITED IN IRELAND

DUBLIN. The response to the Holy Father's appeal through the Irish Hierarchy for special public prayers for peace was very gratifying. Crowds thronged the city churches each evening for the recital of the Rosary and supplementary prayers and to attend Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The prayer for Peace was prescribed for daily recital following the usual supplications which include the Litany of Loretto and the Prayer to St. Joseph.

Through many years Philip Lee was called the "King of Chinatown in Philadelphia. In the Chinese colony on Race Street it was he who made decisions, settled disputes, righted wrongs.

Early he came to know His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia. To the Chinese of Philadelphia His Eminence is "Uncle Dennis, the Cardinal." "Uncle" is a title given by the Chinese only to "good friends" of Philadelphia's Chinese. He had a Catholic Study Club. But Philip Lee didn't understand. He learned proper respect to the Cardinal. "Uncle Dennis" understood, but he didn't understand.

Among his descendants one of whom he was most proud, Dicky Lee of Mott Street in New York City. Properly Philip Lee was proud of Dicky. He had a party at the age of six, delivered an address in the presence of Eleanor Roosevelt. Had not Dicky delivered public addresses on many many occasions? even when he was so small he had to stand on a table to be seen? And Dicky was a Catholic and a convert.

Then there was Philip Yu Pin (the Most Rev. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic of Nanjing) who visited Philadelphia. That was an occasion for great festivity and of course, Philip Lee directed all arrangements. It was then too that he met the late Dr. Chang Shan-tse, renowned Chinese painter who accompanied Bishop Yu Pin on his mission which was to seek aid for China's war sufferers. This Dr. Chang, too was a Catholic. Philip Lee wondered.

Came a great occasion: Philip Lee was sent to China to attend a national convention of his people in Shungking. He was in Hongkong about to start his return journey to Philadelphia when he was stricken ill. He was taken to a hospital, the French Catholic Hospital of Hongkong. A nurse told him he was dying and he asked for a priest.

Philip Lee joined the Church of "Uncle Dennis the Cardinal," the Church of Bishop Yu Pin and of Dr. Chang, the Church of Dicky Lee of whom Philip Lee was so proud.

Philip Lee understood.

### CATHOLIC PRESS IN CEYLON MAKES NOTABLE PROGRESS

COLOMBO Ceylon. The Catholic Press has shown notable progress in Ceylon in the last 20 years. The Catholics of the Island now have four weekly or bi-weekly newspapers and various monthly or bi-monthly magazines. The Island has 14 newspapers which are not religious and about 100 other periodicals.

The death of the Rev. James Francis, O.M.I. at Jaffna was a great loss for the Catholic Press of Ceylon. He was director of the Catholic Guardian and had great influence on the non-religious press. He had also given great impulse to the improvement of the Catholic Press.

In the Diocese of Jaffna there are nine libraries and 42 in the Diocese of Colombo. Catholic journals are sent to all of them.