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# The True Witness

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## Centenary of the Diocese of New York.

### Grandest Demonstration of the Church Ever Witnessed on the American Continent—Scenes and Ceremonies Unparalleled—Cardinal Primate of All Ireland Sends Blessing to Catholics of Canada.

(By Our Own Correspondent Margaret Lillis Hart)

When the idea of the commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the great Archdiocese of New York was first conceived in the mind of its present illustrious Metropolitan Archbishop Farley, it is safe to say that even he, fully possessed as he doubtless was of the possibilities the prospect afforded, must have fallen far short in his mental calculation of the results obtained in the realization. On all hands it is agreed that the celebration held during the past week was the grandest and most impressive ever held on the American continent and the spirit of its meaning and message has gone forth throughout the entire Western world through the medium of the illustrious and comprehensive gathering which took part and the heterogeneous multitude who witnessed it. The celebration lasted through an entire week. His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Primate of All Ireland, crossed the ocean to honor the occasion, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, Most Rev. Diomedo Falconio, was present throughout the entire ceremony. America's chief prelate, Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, was one of the speakers, the entire hierarchy of the United States and representatives from Canada, besides eight hundred priests and one million two hundred thousand people who make up the Archdiocese of New York, had a share, either by their presence or through their representatives. Every function and ceremony was envisioned and graced by that which is best in the thought and plan of the 20th century, and the aggregate of results was such that its memories shall float down to the people even of another century and serve as cause for emulation for generations yet unborn.

### CARDINAL LOGUE ARRIVES.

The opening note of the festivities was struck when on Saturday, April 25th, Cardinal Logue, the one hundred and fourteenth successor of St. Patrick, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, arrived on the Cunard liner Lucania, and was approached by the steamer Isabel, from whose deck floated the inspiring notes of "Let Erin Remember the Days of Old," played by the band of the Mission of the Immaculate Conception. To meet the expected guest, who was accompanied by Bishop Robert Brown of Queenstown, Rev. Michael Quinn, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Armagh, and the Rev. W. F. Brown, secretary to Bishop Brown, were assembled Archbishop Farley and the Monsignors of the Archdiocese. The Men of Armagh were also gathered, four of their number bearing aloft a great banner of their association and as the group whom they had come to meet came into view, the stalwart company set up a cheer that was taken up by clergy and laity, while the Archbishop and suite stepped forward and gave greeting to the distinguished guests from Ireland. The Cardinal was then driven to the Archbishop's residence, thousands greeting him along the route, but not many receiving formal presentation, in order to give the distinguished prelate opportunity to recuperate after the fatigue of the journey.

### PROGRAMME OF EVENTS.

The official programme for the week was:  
Sunday Morning.—Thanksgiving Mass in the churches, Archbishop Farley preaching at the cathedral.  
Monday—School celebration in all the parishes.  
Tuesday—Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral at 11 a.m.—Cardinal Logue celebrant; Cardinal Gibbons preached the sermon; pontifical vespers at 8 p.m., Mgr. Diomedo Falconio, Apostolic Delegate, celebrant; Archbishop John J. Glennon of St. Louis preached.  
Wednesday—Mass of the parochial school children at the Cathedral, 11 a.m.; Bishop Burke of Albany, celebrant; 8 p.m., mass meeting of the laity in Carnegie Hall.  
Thursday—Pontifical requiem Mass for deceased prelates and priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, 10 a.m.; Bishop O'Connor, of Newark, celebrant; Auxiliary Bishop Cusack of New York, preacher; reception to the visiting prelates at the Catholic Club at 8 p.m.  
Friday—Pontifical votive Mass of the Sacred Heart in the Cathedral at 10 a.m.; Bishop Colton of Buffalo, celebrant; the Rev. William O'Brien Pardow delivered the sermon.  
Saturday—Parade of the laity.

The English, Scotch, French, Hungarians, Poles, Greek and Bohemian were all amongst the gathering. Long before the hour appointed the square upon which the Cathedral stands was surrounded by a dense body of expectant humanity. Two hundred and fifty of New York's fine body of policemen had the immense crowd well in hand, and wonderful in

Next marched the priests of the Archdiocese, eight hundred in number, regulars and seculars, the Franciscans in brown habits and girdles with bare heads and boards, making a picturesque group. Then was seen the beginning of a glorious scheme of coloring as the Very Rev. Monsignor and the Right Rev. Monsignori, the latter the Bishops, fell into line, the



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CARDINAL LOGUE. ARCHBISHOP IRELAND. (Interviewed by our Correspondent.)

the matter of order were the results. Only ticket-holders were admitted and though the Cathedral is large the comparatively few who held the magic bit of paste-board may be judged from the fact that pastors of ten thousand souls could only be allowed ten tickets to distribute among their people. Many thousands stood for hours outside to see the procession of ecclesiastics entering from the Archbishop's residence, or to catch a glimmer of the glory of the interior.

When the processional Cross was first seen at the door of the Archbishop's residence it heralded the grandest and most imposing array of Church dignitaries ever gathered on the land given to the world by the intrepid and pious Columbus. One thousand ecclesiastics, embracing prince, prelate and priest, were in line, and it was three quarters of an hour from the time that the head of the procession entered the main door of the Cathedral until Cardinal Logue ascended the throne.

Though New York's thousands had gathered, the entire streets from curb to curb were kept entirely cleared and the dignified and picturesque passage of church dignitaries was well open to the view of all.

Following the Cross-bearer came tiny acolytes in scarlet cassock and lace surplice. Behind came the guard of honor of the laity, embracing the most prominent of New York's intellectual giants and stalwart Catholics.



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thusiastically, and in answer the Cardinal smiled happily. Meantime the thousands within waited patiently and the sound of the welcoming shout from without was the signal for a rumble of drums from the organ-loft, and organ and assisting orchestra crashed into Mendelssohn's "March of the Priests" from "Athalia," while the immense concourse rose and formed walls on either side through which the stately procession marched, the Cardinal giving his blessing in passing. The processionists arranged themselves in the

gratulations. For assuredly you and your loyal brethren have rendered many distinguished services to the Church and to the State, and we cherish the hope that these, our words, may be an incentive to persevere in that vigilance and zeal of which you have thus far given such signal proof and thus bring glory to America and stand as an example for the entire world.

As an augury of heavenly favor and an evidence of our good will, we most lovingly impart to you and to your faithful people the apostolic benediction.

Given at St. Peter's, Rome, the ninth day of April, 1908, in the fifth year of our Pontificate.  
PIUS X., Pope.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Roosevelt's message was as follows: "My dear Archbishop—Let me take occasion, on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of New York, to extend to you my hearty congratulations and my earnest good wishes for the future of yourself and of your diocese. Sincerely yours, "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

### THE CHILDREN'S GRAND MASS.

Throughout the entire celebration there was no more beautiful or inspiring feature than that of the Grand High Mass in the Cathedral on Wednesday morning, when the different schools of the city assembled in charge of their teachers, the Brothers, Sisters of Charity and Dominican Sisters. The day was ideal, a perfect sky and light breeze giving a delightful atmosphere for this the children's chief part in the week's programme. In double file and orderly ranks, all displaying the centenary badge and some wearing small silk flags on their shoulders, they marched into the church and without the slightest confusion deployed into the seats until every conceivable spot was filled, and when all had entered it was estimated that seven thousand of the Catholic children of New York were assembled. Nave, organ-loft, side-chapels back of the altar—all were occupied, and such a picture as the immense gathering of young, happy faces presented is only seen once or so in a lifetime. The music of the High Mass was sung by the little ones, who had been under training for weeks, and who sang with such unanimity of rhythm and voice that the effect was that of one vast instrument, sweet and powerful, which rose and fell until the arched dome and surrounding atmosphere vibrated and pulsed, in harmony with its soul-singing and movement. The programme consisted of the Kyrie, "Blessed is the Faith," the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, according to the Ratisbon Edition of the Vatican Chant. Every child had the words and music score before him, and every child sang intelligently and with enthusiasm. A choir of boys in the organ loft alternated with the choir in the body of the church, and the immense concourse of singers, probably the largest ever assembled in the United States, and certainly the largest ever heard in New York, was under the control of Rev. Father Kane of the Cathedral, who directed from the pulpit, and had auxiliaries in the wings and other points in the church, and whose directing hands were seen to move in unison from every point of outlook. A score or so of other priests were amongst the children throughout the church. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rt. Rev. Thos. M. A. Burke, D.D., Bishop of Albany, and the sermon was delivered by the eloquent and impressive Dominican, Very Rev. J. Raymond Meagher. In the sanctuary the Cardinal Primate of All Ireland, the Archbishops, Bishops and Monsignors had place, while dozens of the visiting priests banked themselves at the sides of the great marble altar, their black cassocks forming a striking setting for the stately white altar. That the Primate of Ireland was impressed and touched was evident even without his message to this effect afterwards delivered by Archbishop Farley. At times while the children sang the Car-

places assigned, the Cardinal Delegate and Archbishop ascending the throne prepared, and the bishops and priests overflowing into the side chapels and pews before the altar. The Cardinal was vested in the famous vestments valued at six thousand dollars, the work of the White Franciscan Sisters of Italy.

The groupings during the Mass were superb, and when the bells in the tower rang out the Elevation the crowds without joined the worshippers within and all united in one Hallelujah of praise to Him from whom all blessings had come and to whom all thanks were due.

The music of the men's choir and orchestra was jubilant and magnificent, in keeping with the occasion. The Papal Benediction was given by Archbishop Falconio at the end of the Mass. Meantime Cardinal Gibbons had ascended the pulpit and delivered the sermon of the day. The closing scene in the morning's programme was the deliverance of the messages from His Holiness and President Roosevelt, read by Archbishop Farley from the pulpit.

### MESSAGE FROM THE POPE.

To Our Venerable Brother, John M. Farley, Archbishop of New York: Venerable Brother, health and apostolic benediction. The recurrence of the memorable events in the history of any diocese is at all times an occasion of joy, and the one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Archdiocese of New York, whose development has been extraordinary, must call forth unusual rejoicing, because the constant increase in the harvests of a hundred years bears ample testimony that the highest expectations have been abundantly fulfilled.

It seems proper, in view of these consoling results, that on the solemn centennial celebration of the See of New York we should renew our frequent supplication to God that He may vouchsafe to it a more plentiful supply of His celestial gifts and more copious resources to accomplish things more laudable.

For these reasons, and as a mark of special honor, it affords us great pleasure to tender to you and to your devoted flock our heartfelt con-

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