

The Papal Legate, William Cardinal van Rossum, was met on Monday, September 9, at Pontafel, on the Austrian frontier, and transferred from the Italian train to the special Imperial railway carriage and brought in state to Vienna. On Tuesday afternoon (10th) he was greeted at the borders of the Vienna diocese and later that afternoon arrive at Westbahnhof (Western Railway station) in Vienna, where he was met and conveyed by special escort to the Archiepiscopal Palace. At the Opera House Square, the beginning of Karntnerstrasse, he was received by Cardinal Prince-Archbishop Francis-Xavier Nagl and by the Burgermeister, Dr. Joseph Neumayer, and greeted in the name of the ecclesiastical and civil authorities of the city of Vienna. Then followed a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in St Stephen's Cathedral, and then the Cardinal Legate was escorted to his apartments in the Hofburg (Imperial Palace.)

The next day (Wednesday) the Cardinal Legate received the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna (Dr. Nagl) in solemn audience, and was himself received by the Emperor Francis Joseph, to whom he presented an autograph letter from the Pope, and in the afternoon he attended the first solemn session of the Congress at the Rotunda in the Prater. This building may be compared to a Madison Square Garden situate in the middle of Central Park in New-York, and it is the largest place of assembly in Vienna. It is nearly circular in its interior and will permit of the speaker's voice being more easily heard than in Madison Square Garden. On every occasion during the Congress it was jammed with an eager multitude, and usually there was a disappointed crowd waiting outside in the rain, hoping that places inside might be found for them.

The Bishop of Namur, Mgr. Thomas Louis Heylen, the president of the standing committee of the Eucharistic Congress, opened the Congress with a few words of hearty congratulation, and then the Papal Brief authorizing it was read by Mgr. Wilhelm Merinski, secretary to the Archbishop of Vienna. Cardinal van Rossum, the Papal Legate, then made the opening speech. He won