

LETTER OF AMERICAN HIERARCHY TO CARDINAL LOGUE

His Eminence,  
Michael Cardinal Logue,  
Archbishop of Armagh,  
Primate of Ireland.

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From Bishop Muldoon's Rockford File

Your Eminence:—

In this solemn and portentous hour of Ireland's history, we, the Bishops of the United States gathered in annual conference, feel it a duty incumbent on us to extend to Your Eminence and your brethren of the Irish Hierarchy, the assurance of our sympathy, our prayers and our united good wishes for the happy outcome of the conference in which the representatives of your people are now engaged.

Particularly at this time we are not unmindful of the tremendous debt the Church in this country owes to Ireland and its people. For more than a century the millions of your race have come to our shores and by their strong faith and their loyal and generous help, they have built up a Church which has become the pride of Christendom and the glory of the country in which we dwell. And even though they have become loyal Americans, faithful to the flag under which they dwell, time has never been able to extinguish in their souls the love they bore to the land of their fathers, to the little island from which they parted as exiles destined never to return.

And particularly during these recent years, with anxious and expectant hearts they have watched the trend of events, ever hopeful that Providence in its wisdom might ordain that at last Ireland was to take its place among the nations of the earth.

And indeed, during these latter weeks their hearts were filled with pride when they saw the representatives of their race conduct themselves with a statesmanship that has challenged the admiration of the world.

Therefore, in this fateful hour, when the future of Ireland trembles in the balance, it is not our desire, Your Eminence, by any word of ours to peril the outcome of those deliberations upon which a world waits with bated breath. Rather, in the true spirit of our Holy Faith, united with our people from every race and every station, our prayers ascend from every altar in the land that God in His wisdom may bring Ireland's misery of seven hundred years to an end, that this most apostolic race among all of God's peoples may receive the reward for what they have done for the Church of America and elsewhere by obtaining the fulfillment of their national aspirations.

And finally, that God may grant you and your colleagues to live to see Ireland's golden age, and find your people even more faithful to their Church in the sunburst of their new freedom than ever they were in the years of their exile and expectancy.

Your Eminence's devoted servants in Christ,

THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES.