

# "Greatest" Congress FOR Mary

Mother of God and the Modern World

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Tears came to the eyes of Father Charles Balic, aged President of the Pontifical Marian Academy, as I clasped his hand in the corridor outside the Aula Magna where the 13th International Marian Congress was being held in Zagreb last August. "It is a great Congress," I congratulated him. (The last public session was just about to begin, with Cardinal Wright, Prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy, as the ultimate speaker.)

Turning away to hide his emotion, Father Balic said:

**"It is the greatest Marian Congress we have ever had."**

Perhaps it was more than just a Marian Congress.

Perhaps it was an integral part of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary which was promised to the world 53 years ago at that very moment in history when militant atheism began to ride to power on a sea of blood in Russia.

## Cardinal Wright Applauded

Meeting here in a Communist country, theologians and devotees of Our Lady from all the five continents of the world had come together not merely to affirm Catholic devotion to Her, but to determine how this devotion might best be applied throughout the entire world to bring about the fulfillment of the great promise She made at Fatima. And *nothing* was to give greater evidence of this than the stirring forthright address by Cardinal Wright which then brought the Congress to its climax.

Several times the Cardinal was interrupted by thunderous applause.

How proud were we Americans (we were 120 strong!) to hear one of our own, risen to such eminence (no pun intended!), give voice to what must be the strongest feelings



of Christians of both East and West in the face of atheistic persecution from the outside and vacillating puerility on the inside. We were doubly proud that, although less dramatic, an equally important explanation of the role of Mary in the modern world was given by another American Cardinal: Joseph Cardinal Carberry of Saint Louis.

## Cardinal Carberry: FAITH

Many Americans may not know that this gentle, humble, unassuming Cardinal of Saint Louis obtained *three* Doctorates before he ever became a Bishop. Yet, even today, he listens to others as though they knew everything, and then gently "suggests" an idea that might improve their point of view.

Cardinal Carberry spoke of Our Lady as "The Woman of Faith", and therefore the One whom all Christians of today *must* see as a model for imitation, because today's world-crises are basically crises of Faith.

Presiding over the English section of the Congress, which was led by America's world-famous Mariologist, Rev. Eamon Carroll, O'Carroll, Cardinal Carberry helped to draft what proved to be in our opinion the most practical resolution of the entire Mariological and Marian Congress.

SOUL is proud of the privilege of publishing in full the address of

Cardinal Wright and Cardinal Carberry, broken down into two sections because of page limitation.

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But we will not be content with conveying these important messages from Zagreb.

## Blue Army Resolve

The Blue Army of Our Lady resolved in an international meeting at Fatima to bend all of its energies immediately following the Congress in Zagreb, through every means at its command, to see that the "resolution of Zagreb" is carried out around the world!

That resolution is as follows:

## "Zagreb Resolution"

**Alarmed by the lack of faith in the modern world, saddened by the diminution of faith in the Church and conscious that a living faith in Christ holds the key to the solution of modern problems,**

**The XIII International Marian Congress, following the clear teaching of Paragraph 67 of Lumen Gentium as interpreted by Pope Paul VI to the XI International Marian Congress,**

**Resolves that**

**The principal Catholic Devotions to the Blessed Virgin . . . consecration (as expressed by the Scapular of Mt. Carmel), and invocation (as expressed in the Rosary) . . . be adequately explained on all levels in the light of her universal right to respect as the Mother of Christ, to love as the Perfect Christian and as our Mother in the order of Grace, and to Imitation as the Woman of Faith.**