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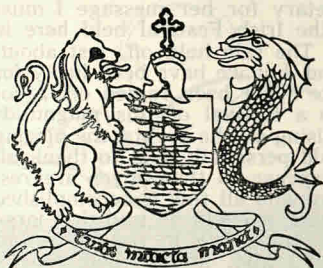
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Photo shows our 3 hard working committee members, from left to right: Mrs. Mary Allen, Secretary, Mr. Bill Aulsberry, Assistant Secretary and Mrs Kitty Groves, Membership Secretary. Photo by Jim Regan

This is for the majority of us the time for holidays and the usual trek back to our native county.

With our Association this time of the year means our Annual At Home dinner at the Tower Hotel, Waterford City, on 30th July and this Journal will be available for this occasion. This dinner was started by our then Hon. Sec. Mr. Jimmy Griffin in order to bring together the various Waterford Associations namely New York, Birmingham and Dublin. We have on several occasions had all of them represented at this dinner. Lets hope it will be so this year.

I would like to implore members of the public in Waterford reading this to come along on the night and give us your support. It gives us courage to keep the good work going here in London to see you coming

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in your hundreds to partake in our dinner and the dancing and fun that goes with our special night in Waterford. The tickets are only £8 and can be had from Mr. Jimmy Griffin at 24 Emmett Place, or Mrs. Kitty Jones, 117 Hennessy's Road or ask at the Tower Hotel. Dancing to the Tony Weldon Sound, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Before I hand you over to our secretary for her message I must very briefly tell you something about the Irish Festival held here in London at Roundwood Park, Willesden. The rain held off, just about, and I think we were down a few thousand, but we have been lucky for the past seven years and so far we have never been rained off. A lot of voluntary time and effort goes into a festival of this magnitude people attending weekly meetings, organising all the events, the placing of the many tents and stages etc. I would personally like to thank all those wonderful people who at great expense to themselves are responsible for the running of this great day, and all this is accomplished after a hard days work earning one's living, it could be said that large companies could take a leaf out of our book. We in the Waterford Association are proud that our secretary Mrs. Mary Allen does a good job as secretary of the Council of Irish County Associations a tireless worker and ever ready to take on the extra task. Talking about Mary reminds me to congratulate her brother Nick on retaining his golf title as champion of the Defence forces in Ireland.

Going back to the London Festival for a moment our thanks to Mr. Maurice McHugh Waterford I.D.A. manager Mr. Paddy Kenneally chairman of the Waterford County Council and Mr. Brian McNally secretary of the Waterford County Council for their help and presence at the festival. We would have liked some firms to display their wares but that was not to be this year. We will have to think of something colourful for next year. P.G.

#### **Past Chairman.**

Our past chairman is moving on promotion with his company to Northampton and we bid farewell to John and Mary (the word is there Mary) on 11th September to say a special thank you to them both for their efforts on our behalf for several years. John became a life vice-president at our A.G.M. as did an old stalwart Paddy Stafford. The farewell party for John and Mary will be held at the Irish Centre. Please Ring Mary Allen for further details on this Tel. No. 01 267 8100.

14th September we are having a 32 County Golf Tournament in aid of the obelate missions—a helping hand to Fr. Paddy Sheridan in his efforts to raise funds to educate young men to the priesthood. We would be very pleased to hear of any company wishing to sponsor a hole at £125 they can have a representative playing on the day to whom we will give a very warm welcome.

I will now hand you over to our secretary.

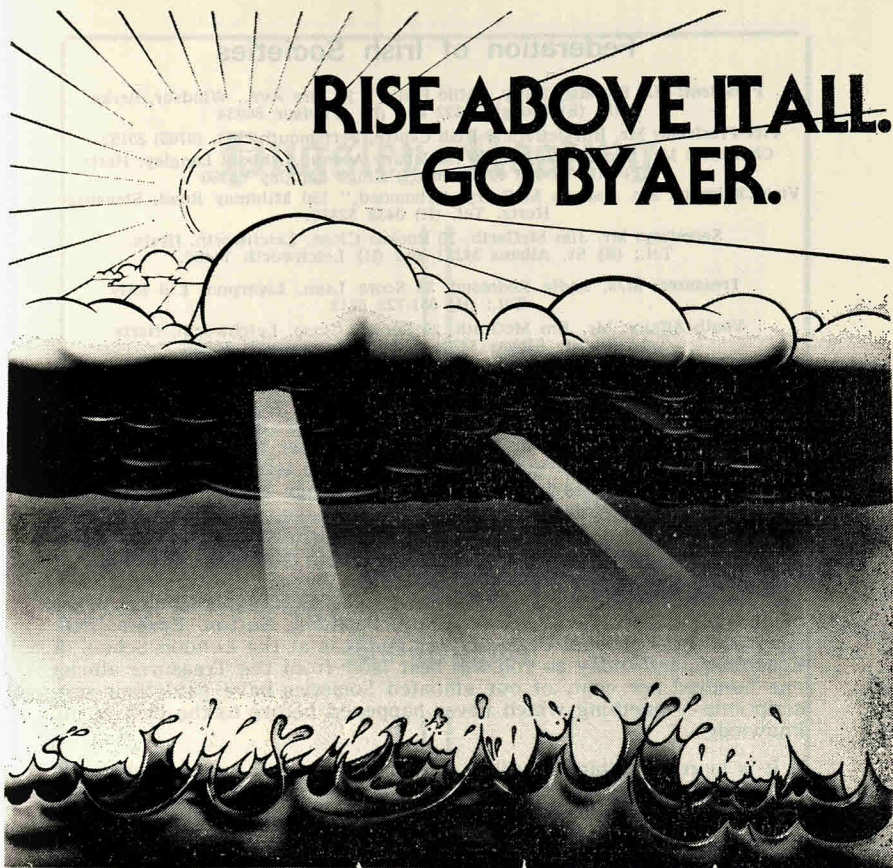
Jane T. Smyth (Mrs.), Press Officer.

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to be here amongst you to night. May I on behalf of the Waterford Association London welcome all of you to this our 15th Annual At Home Dinner. It certainly does not seem twelve months since we were all together in this room. I can only hope that the past year has been kind to you all. Those of us who have emerged from the past year with our jobs, homes and families intact have an awful lot to be thankful for. It would be naive of me to pretend that things continue as they were in the past indeed no, if we are to be honest with ourselves and with each other we must admit that the continuing recession has in some way affected us all. We must hope for an upturn soon both at home for you our relations and friends and for ourselves in the country of our adoption.

The thing I never want to see happening again is the boat loads of our young boys and girls leaving their homes and families to find a living elsewhere like my generation had to. You are proud to be the country with the youngest generation in the E.E.C. that's wonderful

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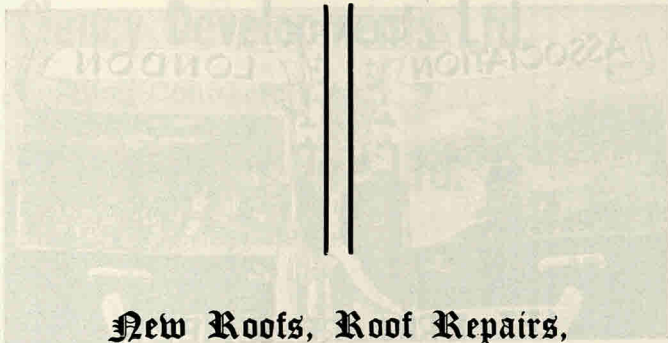
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And my pride today is justified because I lead a Federation that is powerful, proud and pulsating. A Federation that looks with enthusiasm to the future and is equipped to meet the challenge of that future. May I just mention here that since we left Liverpool in 1976, the following Societies have joined the challenge of the future: Milton Keynes, Trafford, Brent Irish Advisory, Stevenage, Aylesbury, Sheffield, North Staffordshire, Coventry Theatre Group, Harringay, North Herts., Braintree, Fulham, Thames Valley, Provincial Council of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Wythenshawe, Harlow, Jersey, Ilford, Hillingdon, London County Board of G.A.A., St. Albans, Gloucester County Board of the G.A.A., Huddersfield, Newham, Basildon, Sutton, Epsom, Irish American International Club, and the students at the London School of Economics, and today as you will hear later from the Treasurer almost one hundred per cent. of our affiliated Societies have paid their subscriptions—something which never happened before to the best of my knowledge.

It is more important to utilise the time allotted to me at Congress to look to the future rather than to the past. When I look to the future I am bound to look to the success of our Youth Organisation. A tremendous amount of work has been done since we met last year in Portsmouth. It is true to say that some regions have proved to be more effective than others, but groundwork has been carefully laid and the success of the regions is only as good as the support forthcoming from the Societies within that region. It would be well for us to remember that while we can plan and campaign in other fields and allow time to take its course and bring our plans to fruition—this does not apply in the case of our Youth organisation. I feel that we the Societies should recognise the need for urgency of response to the call to organise our Youth, if we are not careful, the Youth of today will become the adults of tomorrow while we deliberate, so my appeal to you is to act if you have not already acted within your Society. We need the Societies to show more than mere lip service we need sharp, vital and urgent response from all our Societies if the interest already generated is not to lag. Encouragement and example are the ingredients of success, so let's not just talk about doing something, let's do it. We have a crying need for our Youth—I repeat—the framework is therefore all to avail of and there is not one Society which can absolve itself from its moral responsibilities in this field, no excuses can be acceptable, bring in the Youth at whatever level you feel your individual Society feels they can play an active role, give them your total support and you will soon see results.

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I would like to remind you once again of our Bacon and Cabbage Dinner Dance at the Irish Centre on 22nd October (McNamara Hall).

Reunions also at the Irish Centre 25th and 29th November.

Our Annual Dinner on 27th November. Please keep these dates free for great Clare occasions.

### Music at Lisdoonvarna.

The younger folk and some older ones enjoyed a festival of rock music at Lisdoonvarna recently.

23,000 people attended the weekend festival and I believe a very well behaved crowd and if you know anything about rock music I believe it was the best one could find. The American singer Jackson Brown gave a wonderful performance and also did a duet with Paddy Maloney. The Chieftans, Uilleann Pipes performer everybody loved it. Among the other artists taking part were: Wishbone Ash, Classic Nouveaux, from Britain, UB40, The Chieftains, Phil Lynott and his band. Carlene Carter and the CC, Steeleye Span, De Riders, Clannad, John Otway and Wild Willie Barrett, Country Joe McDonald, Bert Jansch and Jaquie McShee, Scullion, Stocktons Wing, The Rhythm Kings, Martin Carthy Band, Tokyo Olympics, Mama's Boys, The Atrix, Seamus Ennis, Johnny Duhan and his band and Miko Russell all of them top class. Lisdoonvarna has never seen so many people before, it's a sparsely populated seaside in the heart of lovely countryside where one can relax and forget the troubles of this life. This is what 23,000 did even though it rained and there was mud everywhere they stayed and listened until the early hours and thought it was worth it then there was a fireworks display such as which has never been seen in Clare before, the cost of the fireworks alone was £10,000.

As we go to press the London Irish Festival is taking place, all we need is good weather and some extra stewards as all the work of our committee for the festival has been prepared well for everybody's enjoyment. I will tell you more about the festival in the September issue as I have to rush off now and make about a thousand sandwiches for the hungry helpers with my team of good voluntary workers.

Bridie Neeves (Mrs.), Press Officer.

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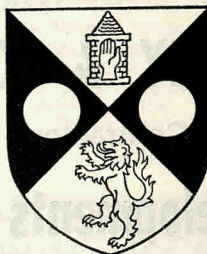
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Dear Friends,

I would like to start by thanking all of you who attended our recent dance in the McNamara Hall. It was lovely to see so many of our members with their friends all having such a good time. Our thanks to the band, 'The Northlanders' who proved a popular choice and the Irish Centre for providing rich succulent fare. Many of our raffle prizes were donated, grateful thanks to our President Mr. Peter Donohoe (a bottle of whiskey) and our Chairman Miss Kathleen Fitzsimmons (chocolates and Cavan Crystal), I do hope I haven't left anyone out.

I am sure everyone knows what a colossal debt hangs over the Irish Centre and in an effort to help Cavan will be holding an Autumn Fayre towards the end of the year (date to be confirmed). All proceeds to the Irish Centre of course. I would like to appeal to our members to help make it a success. So if you can knit or sew or would like to run a stall please contact either Kathleen (our Chairman) or myself and we'd be more than delighted to channel your energy in our direction.

Also Cavan are promoting a rather out of the ordinary raffle, once again to boost Irish Centre funds. 1st prize is a Pony (yes that's right a real live 4 legged pony) which if won by someone resident in England will be shipped over courtesy of B+I carriers. 2nd prize is £100 and 3rd prize £50. Tickets are 20p each or £1 for a book of 5. Please help us make this raffle a success.

By the time you read this the London Irish Festival will be just a memory and I sincerely hope a very pleasant one for all of us. The success of the festival depends on so many factors, it is hard to imagine the magnitude of organisation that goes into making it the showcase it has undoubtedly become. The association would like to thank most sincerely everyone involved with the running of the festival. I know there are many committees and sub-committees each covering the different aspects of the festival, our thanks go to you all.

At County level, we spend many months getting ourselves organised and it is not easy to think up original ideas for the stalls. We are always open to suggestions and if you can help in any way why not get in touch with me or any committee member or better still come along to a meeting Cavan folk are always welcome.

In closing I would like to send the associations sincerest condolences to Mr. John Carolan on the sudden death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Judy Carolan.

Until next month. Bye for now.

Bridie Reilly.

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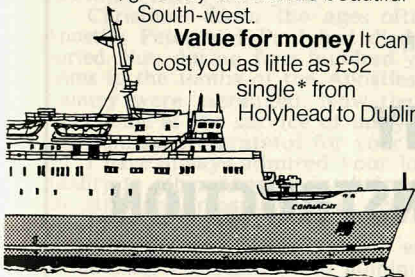
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## His Holiness Pope John Paul's Speech at Westminster Cathedral (Baptism)

"Lord, you know everything: you know that I love you !"

My Brothers and sisters,

1. With heartfelt gratitude and love I thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, that he has given me the grace of coming among you today. Today, for the first time in history, a Bishop of Rome sets foot on English soil. I am deeply moved at this thought. This fair land, once a distant outpost of the pagan world, has become, through the preaching of the Gospel, a beloved and gifted portion of Christ's vineyard.

Yours is a tradition embedded in the history of Christian civilization. The roll of your saints and of your great men and women, your treasures of literature and music, your cathedrals and colleges, your rich heritage of parish life speak of a tradition of faith. And it is to be the faith of your fathers—living still—that I wish to pay tribute by my visit.

I am happy that I can concelebrate this Eucharist with my brother Bishops who, together with me, are the successors of the Apostles, and whose task it is to sanctify and govern the portion of the Church entrusted to their pastoral care (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 19).

2. Let us reflect on the spiritual significance of this moment. Christ, "the chief Shepherd" (1 Pt. 5 : 4), gave to Peter—as we have heard proclaimed in the passage from Saint John's Gospel—the task of confirming his brother in their faith and in their pastoral duty; "Feed my lambs . . . Look after my sheep" (Jn. 21 : 15-16).

I come among you in response to this command of the Lord. I come to confirm the faith of my brother Bishops. I come to remind all believers who today inherit the faith of their fathers that in each diocese the Bishop is the visible sign and source of the Church's unity. I come among you as the visible sign and source of unity for the whole Church. I come at the service of unity in love: in the humble and realistic love of the repentant fisherman: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Christians down the ages often travelled to that city where the Apostles Peter and Paul had died in witness to their faith and were buried. But, during four hundred years the steady flow of English pilgrims to the tombs of the Apostles shrank to a trickle. Rome and your country were estranged. Now the Bishop of Rome comes to you. I truly come at the service of unity in love, but I come as a friend, too, and I am deeply grateful for your welcome.

I have always admired your love for freedom, your generous hospitality to other peoples in their adversity; as a son of Poland I have the strongest, most personal reason for this admiration and for the thanks that go with it.

3. With these sentiments, I am especially glad to do what Peter did in the early Church. I shall administer Baptism here this morning and meditate with you on its meaning.

In a mysterious but real way, there is repeated and re-presented in this hallowed place that moment of the early Church's life when, as we have read in the Acts of the Apostles, "Peter stood with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice" (Acts 2 : 14) concerning the need to be baptized and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. As a result many "received his word" and were baptized, being added to the number of the household of the living God.

4. Through Baptism we are incorporated into Christ. We accept his promise and his commands.

The meaning of Baptism is reflected in the symbolism of the sacramental rite. Water, washing over us, speaks of the redeeming power of Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection, washing away

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A similar function was held the evening before, on Friday, 25th June, at the Pope John Catholic Social Centre, The Green, Heston Hounslow, Middlesex. A coach party from St. Joseph's Club Wembley attended this function. Miss Patsy Sullivan, daughter of the late Tim Sullivan, chairman of the club, handsomely presented a £750 cheque to Fr. Sugrue, the proceeds of a Benefit Dance held at the Club on behalf of his missionary work among the poor of the Philippines. The late Tim Sullivan was an uncle of Cahirciveen, South Kerry, redemptorist priest, Fr. Sugrue. It was Mr. Sullivan's one and only wish before his death to be present with his nephew at the special function in his honour which he had originally planned as a home coming surprise. But his maker called him to his reward on Sunday, 16th May. When Fr. Padraig heard of his uncle's death, he was in Rome at this time, he commented, "He was a good man and well prepared to meet his Lord." A fitting epitaph for a very popular man. The warmth and sincerity of this man of God were self evident. It was his wish to meet personally every individual present at the two functions and he met practically everyone in the manner he requested. In his address of thanks he explained in detail, to a very attentive audience, his work in trying circumstances, among the poor of the Philippines. Injustice, extreme poverty and suffering were his daily lot but the faith and the courage of the people kept him going. The indomitable spirit of the impoverished people still amaze him even to the present day.

In Fr. Sugrue's view the most important aspect to life is communication. Every Wednesday in the city of Bacolod on the island of Negros in the Philippines a perpetual novena to our blessed Lady takes place. This special weekly devotion begins at 9.00 a.m. and continues throughout the day until 9.00 p.m. Over one hundred thousand Philipinos, yes, one hundred thousand people attend this weekly novena which has been in existence for many years. A lesson to us all would you not say?

Fr. Padraig is enroute to Ireland for retreat work with his redemptorist order until the 8th August. He then has a well earned rest and will be flying to Canada to meet his only sister who is domiciled there. On his return he will spend some time in his native town of Cahirciveen in South Kerry. He is scheduled to return to the mission field on 1st January, 1983 and our thoughts go with him. May he return to us again someday—he brought inspiration and goodwill to our lives in the short while he spent with us.

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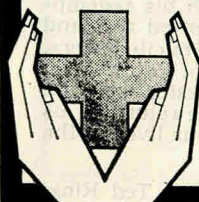
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## 1981 Welfare Report.

It is my esteemed privilege to present to you the Irish Centre Welfare Report, 1981.

The following report will give you some idea of the specifically welfare-work undertaken by the Irish Centre. The statistic given in each case represents a real live person who was in need of the services we had to offer. This report covers the work of the Welfare Department of the Irish Centre head-quarters at Camden Sq. and under different headings, the specialized services of our Irish Centre Hostels at Quex Road and Medway Street.

In coming to the Irish Centre as the new Director towards the end of 1981, I would like to pay tribute to all who have dedicated themselves to the Welfare work of the Centre and the Hostels over the past year. I feel that I should mention some aspects of the work that have not been documented in this report. Since my arrival I have noticed the very large number of people who are helped 'over the phone'. This seems to be normal now-a-days and is how a lot of people operate. Other unrecorded statistics relate to a large number of people who are helped through correspondence. We have yet to devise a way of recording the 'welfare' value of the social side of the Irish Centre—preventative medicine can often be most effective.

To all who have brought us to this day my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

C. Malone, O.M.I., Director.

## Annual Statistics.

The following figures indicate the recorded number of people using the Irish Centre and Hostel services for the first time during the calendar year 1981. Figures for 1980 are shown for comparison.

Table 1 — New Clients

	Welfare Department		Hostels	
	1980	1981	1980	1981
Male ... ..	759	434	439	294
Female ... ..	379	244	196	446

There has been an overall decrease of twenty percent in the number of first users of the services provided by the Irish Centre, during the past year. At the beginning of 1981 Irish Welfare Agencies in Britain, under the auspices of the Federation of Irish Societies, mounted an intensive and concerted campaign on Irish television (Late Late Show), radio and press, to dissuade young people from coming to Britain. The

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Their main concern was to get accommodation and also help with material and personal problems arising from the lack of employment. The majority of these men are not 'down and outs'. They coped quite well when employment on construction work or in the catering trade was more readily available. Many are mentally ill.

The accommodation needs of the under 25's were met through our Hostel for young work-oriented Irishmen 'Austin House' and through referring some to hostels for young Irishmen and girls run by the Irish Centre, Camden Town, Benburb Base and other agencies. We are very fortunate to have Sister Rosario Nolan to care for the residents in Austin House. Her dedication to this work is truly remarkable.

The older age groups were helped through accommodation provided at our expense in some of the large hostels and privately owned bed and breakfast establishments. A few nights help them to organise themselves with the Dept. of Health and Social Security while seeking employment or to reorganise if they have become disorganised. Some clients meet their accommodation problem by squatting in empty run-down properties. These are people who prefer to do this rather than live in crowded Hostel accommodation or the shared sleeping accommodation offered by most of the so called Bed and Breakfast Guest Houses or are people who have been banned from these establishments due to their drink problem or violent behaviour.

They are open to many risks especially fire, violence and theft of their clothing. Some of these clients have come to us badly burned from fire while others had been beaten up in the squats.

It has become obvious over the years that there is a growing need for good hostel accommodation for these older men. The need is now urgent due to the rising demand coupled with the possibility of the loss of a considerable number of beds in hostels closing down for redevelopment and improvement.

Childless couples are another group which finds great difficulty in getting suitable accommodation if their means are limited. We can only help by referring them to agencies which offer some service in this field. The only help we can offer unmarried childless couples is single accommodation in hostels which are usually some distance apart. This help is generally unacceptable to them. Accommodation-wise there is nothing we can do for families apart from referring them to the local Housing Dept., where they may or may not get help depending on the circumstances of every case.

A feature which may have arisen from the present economic situation is that of the increasing number of women who are homeless and have taken to a vagrant way of life. Most of these have an alcoholic problem as have many of our male clients.

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by Tommy Dunne

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For the Men and Women of Leinster.

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### **Pope John Paul's Speech** (continued from page 11).

the inheritance of sin, delivering us from a kingdom of darkness into a Kingdom of light and love. By Baptism we are indeed immersed into the death of Christ—baptized, as Saint Paul says, into his death—so as to rise with him in his Resurrection (cf. Rom. 6 : 3-5). The anointing with oil signifies how we are strengthened in the power of Christ and become living temples of the Holy Spirit.

We are on the eve of Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit who descends on us at Baptism. One of the finest passages in the Pentecost liturgy was written by an Englishman, Stephen Langton, an Archbishop of Canterbury. In six short and vivid lines he calls upon the Holy Spirit to work in us:

Wash what is unclean.  
Water what is parched.  
Heal what is diseased.  
Bend what is rigid.  
Warm what is cold.  
Straighten what is crooked.

Most of the ills of our age or of any age can be brought under that prayer. It reflects a boundless confidence in the power of the Spirit whom it invokes.

5. Through Baptism we are incorporated into the Church. The minister, our parents and godparents sign us with the sign of the Cross, Christ's proud standard. This shows that it is the whole assembly of the faithful, the whole community of Christ, that supports us in the new life of faith and obedience that follows from our Baptism, our new birth in Christ.

In Baptism we are drawn into the community of faith. We become part of the pilgrim People of God which, in all times and in all places, goes forward in hope towards the fulfilment of the "promise". It is our task to take our place responsibly and lovingly beside those who, from the beginning, "remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

6. Baptism creates a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been reborn by means of it. But Baptism, of itself, is only a beginning, a point of departure, for it is wholly directed towards the fullness of life in Christ (cf. *Unitatis Redintegratio*, 22). Baptism is the foundation of the unity that all Christians have in Christ: a unity we must seek to perfect. When we set out clearly the privilege and the duty of the Christian, we feel ashamed that we have not all been capable of maintaining the full unity of faith and charity that Christ willed for his Church.

We the baptized have work to do together as brothers and sisters in Christ. The world is in need of Jesus Christ and his Gospel—the Good News that God loves us, that God the Son was born, was crucified and died to save us, that he rose again and that we rose with him, and that in Baptism he has sealed us with the Spirit for the first time, gathered us into a community of love and of witness to his truth.

These are my thoughts as we gather to celebrate the sacrament of Baptism in this Historic Place. This fine church where we meet is a symbol of the faith and energy of the English Catholic community in modern times. Its architecture is unusual for this country: It evokes memories of other parts of the Christian world, reminding us of our universality. Tomorrow I shall be welcomed in the much older cathedral of Canterbury, a little church whose foundations remain. There indeed everything speaks of ancient common traditions, which, in this modern age, we are ready to stress together. I, too want to speak in this way—to mourn the long estrangement between Christians, to hear gladly our blessed Lord's prayer and command that we should be completely one, to thank for that inspiration of the Holy Spirit which has filled us with a longing to leave behind our divisions and aspire to a

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## **Pope John Paul's Speech** (continued from page 21).

common witness to our Lord and Saviour. My deep desire, my ardent hope and prayer is that my visit may serve the cause of Christian unity.

7. I would like to recall another aspect of Baptism which is perhaps the most universally familiar. In Baptism we are given a name—we call it our Christian name. In the tradition of the Church it is a saint's name a name of one of the heroes among Christ's followers—an apostle, a martyr, a religious founder, like Saint Benedict, whose monks founded Westminster Abbey nearby, where your sovereigns are crowned. Taking such names reminds us again that we are being drawn into the communion of Saints, and at the same time that great models of Christian living are set before us. London is particularly proud of two outstanding saints, great men also by the world's standards, contributors to your national heritage, John Fisher and Thomas More.

John Fisher, the Cambridge scholar of Renaissance learning, because Bishop of Rochester. He is an example to all Bishops in his loyalty to the faith and in his devoted attention to the people of his diocese, especially the poor and the sick. Thomas More was a model layman living the Gospel to the full. He was a fine scholar and an ornament to his profession, a loving husband and father, humble in prosperity, courageous in adversity, humorous and godly. Together they served God and their country—Bishop and layman. Together they died, victims of an unhappy age. Today we have the grace, all of us, to proclaim their greatness and to thank God for giving such men to England.

In this England of fair and generous minds, no one will begrudge the Catholic community pride in its own history. So I speak last of another Christian name, less famous but no less deserving honour. Bishop Richard Challoner guided the Catholics of this London district in the eighteenth century, at what seemed the lowest point of their fortunes. They were few. It seemed they might well not survive. Yet Bishop Challoner bravely raised his voice to prophesy a better future for his people, and now, two centuries later, I am privileged to stand here and to speak to you, in no triumphal spirit, but as a friend, grateful for your kind welcome and full of love for all of you.

Bishop Challoner's courage may remind all of us where the seeds of courage lie, where the confidence of renewal comes from. It is through water and the Holy Spirit that a New People is born, whatever the darkness of the time.

8. As the reading from the prophet Ezekiel reminds us, it is the Lord himself who is the true Shepherd of this New People. He himself pastures his sheep. He shows them where to rest: "As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view . . . so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and the darkness . . . I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong" (Ez. 34 : 12, 16).

May those of us who today renew our baptismal vows, as well as those who are now to be baptized, cry out and raise our plea to our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ his Son, our Lord:

"O Shepherd of Israel, hear us . . . O Lord, come to our help. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name" (Ps. 180 : 1-2, 14-15, 18). Amen.

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**Co. Dublin.**

**7-23 July**—University College Dublin Summer School. An examination of the Irish Tradition in archeology, folklore, drama, Anglo-Irish literature and history. The course includes theatre visits, field trips, receptions, entertainments, and poetry readings, **Dublin.**

**13-17 July**—Dublin International Folk Festival, Mansion House, **Dublin.**

**26-31 July**—**Bowling**, Bowling League of Ireland Championships, Crumlin, **Dublin.**

**27-29 July**—**Cricket**. Ireland v. Wales, **Dublin.**

**25 July**—**Football**. Leinster Football Final, Croke Park, **Dublin.**

**Tennis**, Irish Open—Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club, **Dublin.**

**Co. Louth.**

**21-22 July**—Leinster Juvenile Championship, Bettystown.

**Co. Offaly.**

**19 July**—Irish Schools Championships Final, **Tullamore.**

**Co. Dublin.**

**2-7 August**—Irish Antique Dealers Fair, **Dublin.**

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**12-15 August**—Carrolls Irish Open Golf Championship, **Portmarnock.**

**2-8 August**—**Bowling**. Leinster Tournament: Singles and Pairs. Observatory Lane, **Rathmines.**

**22 August**—**Football**. Bracken Trophy—Inter League Ladies Final. Fairview Park.

**28-29 August**—**Motor Sport**. International Phoenix Park Racing, **Dublin.**

**22-28 August**—**Tennis**. Irish Junior Championships: Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club, **Dublin.**

**2-8 August**—**Polo**. International Horse Show Tournament, Phoenix Park, **Dublin.**

**Co. Kilkenny.**

**28 August-5 September**—Kilkenny Arts Week. Concerts, Lunchtime recitals, poetry readings, **Kilkenny.**

**Co. Kildare.**

**2-3 August**—**Tennis**. Junior/Juvenile Inter-Provincials, Clongowes Wood College, **Clane.**

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**6-8 August**—Granard Harp Festival, **Granard.**

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**19-23 August**—Carlingford Lough Festival, **Carlingford.**

**20-30 August**—Omeath Gala Festival, **Omeath.**

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**15 August**—Air Spectacular 1982. Ireland's largest annual air display, **Fairyhouse Racecourse.**

**22 August**—Rounders. Ladies Championship Semi-Finals, **Navan.**

**Co. Offaly.**

**15-22 August**—Birr Vintage Week. Old-time entertainment. Exhibitions, parade of vintage cars, bicycles, steam-organ, **Birr.**

**1-3 August**—**Flying**: Irish National Parachute Championship, Esker Mor, **Edenderry.**

**28 August**—Gaelic Games. Ladies Under 18 All Ireland Final, **Tullamore**  
**Co. Westmeath.**

**21 August**—Gaelic Games. Ladies Under 16 All Ireland Final, **Athlone.**  
**Co. Wicklow.**

**2 August**—Co. Wicklow Agricultural Show, **Tinahely.**

## A Million Dreams Have I.

There's a little road in Ireland  
I know its every twist and bend,  
Where once in the Golden Age of Youth  
I met and strayed with friends.  
It was there I partook of Nature's store,  
Sampled blackberry, haw and sloe.  
—It's there we did our courting  
Oh, so many years ago.

It was in the little fields close by  
We cut the hay and corn.  
—Do you remember still that last look back —  
When dawned an exile's morn?  
And with the years the changes came  
Though I noticed not a one,  
For I was far from the roads and fields  
I'd known when I was young.  
Yet, I am thankful for the years  
That God has given me ;  
For I've had a million dreams to dream  
—Of how Ireland used to be.

Michael Hannon.

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### Irish Centre (continued from page 15).

British media, easily accessible in Ireland, daily highlighted the decline of the economy and a level of unemployment unparalleled since the thirties. In addition to the "Stay-at-Home" campaign organised by the Irish Welfare Services, the London West End voluntary organisations also used the media extensively, to discourage young people from coming to London. The combined effect of these programmes, must undoubtedly have influenced many young people to think again before leaving home to seek better prospects in London. The West End agencies also noted a sharp drop in their Irish intake. Opportunities provided in other E.E.C. countries, may have contributed, though in a smaller way, to the current decrease in numbers.

The younger age group are always a cause for concern. Young people under sixteen, unless accompanied by parents are always repatriated. They cannot be legally employed, nor are they entitled to social benefit. Of the eight fifteen year olds who came during theyear, five had left Ireland to escape from pending court appearances for some juvenile crime. Two had run away from home and subsequently ran away from the hostel. One came with a well meaning, if ill informed neighbour, who was not a relative, just because he "wanted to see London".

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### Waterford Association (continued from page 2).

but please stay at home and put your efforts into making something of your own country, do not desert her to build bridges for other nations as has happened in the past. I was recently asked if I felt bitter about leaving Ireland I must admit that until then I had not given much thought to it, yes on reflection I suppose I am, while not really bitter, but very sad to have had to live and bring up a family in a country other than my own. Of course there are many thousands like me, we had no choice in the 40's and 50's but to take the boat to England— you have the choice, give of your skills to your own country, be as proud of being Irish at home as we are away from Ireland.

I will conclude by asking you to continue to pray and work for a peaceful and just settlement to the troubles in the northern part of our beloved country.

May you all have an enjoyable evening and a safe journey home.

Mary Allen, Hon. Secretary.

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