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Headlines: The Pope Imparts His Blessing to the Final Gathering of the Eucharistic Congress Yesterday Morning in Palermo [district of Buenos Aires] – The Preceding Solemn Pontifical [Mass] Celebrated by the Cardinal Legate, Mons. Pacelli, Was Heard by an Incalculable Number – A Guard of Honor Was Drawn Up Around the Great Altar at Avenues Alvear and Sarmiento by the Flags of the Foreign Delegations to the Congress – Homily Given by the Representative of the Holy See – Plenary Indulgence to All the Faithful

Text: Yesterday represented, among the great Catholic celebrations that Buenos Aires has experienced in these days, one of the most significant ceremonies.

In the morning, after masses with general communion, celebrated in all the churches and attended by the faithful in incalculable numbers, a solemn pontifical mass was celebrated by the Papal Legate on the altar at Avenue Alvear; there followed a homily by the same dignitary, and finally the apostolic blessing transmitted from the Vatican.

In the afternoon, a solemn and uniquely noteworthy procession closed the events of the 32nd International Eucharistic Congress in a manner difficult to surpass.

Heading: Many of the Faithful Attended the Solemn Pontifical in the Morning. The Pope's Words, Transmitted to the Assembly, Were Received Enthusiastically - Details of the Event.

Like none of the preceding events, the morning ceremony thronged the great altar of Palermo with a Buenos Aires crowd and pilgrims gathered for the Catholic assembly. The numbers attained by the multitude are incalculable, but a general idea can be had by considering that the Avenues Alvear and Sarmiento, in the four main directions going out from the cross, were completely occupied for more than four blocks in each direction, and, moreover, on the grounds of the Seber Plaza and the first of the named arteries, both towards the center and towards Belgrano, the crowd stretched even more than over the Avenue Sarmiento, and it was necessary at one point to hold them back from breaking the order arranged in the seats, in the stands and on the grounds of the park and, in short, in all places where precautions had been able to overcome the public's persistent struggle to approach the place of the ceremony.

Near the altar, the packing of the crowd was more noticeable than on any previous occasion. In the special seats reserved for the national, provincial and other authorities, the crowd was extraordinarily numerous, filling all the available places available, and as for the gallery reserved for ladies of pious and charitable groups, it offered a significant aspect of tightly compacted nature.

The congregations of the Daughters of Mary, a numerous as ever; the sector for religious orders, equally dense; the zone for foreign pilgrims, tightly occupied; the special municipal seats were really bunched; and the part of Avenue Alvear reserved for prie-dieus was an extended passage of mantillas and men’s heads adorned with hats, handkerchiefs and a thousand kinds of improvised shields against the sun.

Heading: The Flags and Pendants of the Foreign Delegations Surrounded the Christian Altar

Text: “From early on, the foreign pilgrim groups that had come to Buenos Aires were arriving at the central point of the ceremonies to attend the culmination of religious commitment. While groups of the faithful, some numerous, others smaller, but all enthusiastic, were finding their places in the areas reserved for each group, the flagbearers, with emblems and pendants, ascended the steps of the platform, to form in the foreground an honor guard for the symbol of Christianity.

“The monument then took on the appearance, as the ceremony began, of a large international trophy decorated with the most widely recognized national colors in the western world.

“The Vatican flag, in the midst of all the others; multiple Argentine flags; the French with its bow of crepe; the British next to the American; the German with the cross of the National Socialist regime; each, in sum, adding its own particular significance to a most eloquent meaning for the enormous crowd of people straining to take in all that was happening.”