



From the Vatican, 14 April 2009

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His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI was pleased to learn of the celebrations taking place to mark the centenary of the Irish Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and he sends his warm greetings to you and to all the members of the province on this joyful occasion. His Holiness gives thanks to Almighty God for the many graces received by the members of the Congregation and the souls to whom they have ministered. The Holy Father prays that this commemoration will be for all the religious of the Province a time of grace and light so that, renewed in their ardent love of the Lord, and imitating his meekness and humility, they may always be intrepid heralds of his gospel in today's world. As a pledge of strength and joy in the Lord, His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

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