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## THE ETERNAL CITY

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( Lived, off and on, for four years there : Impressions )

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The Catholic Church is Universal .  
Right from the start at Pentecost ,  
Universality one of its " marks "

But each nation has its particular genius.  
Like persons .

The genius of Italy .

Rome - not Jerusalem , Alexandria , Antioch etc, - chosen  
for the centre of Christendom .

Why was Rome chosen .  
Ancient pre-Christian Rome . Its sterling qualities.  
G.K.C and the significance of the Punic Wars .

The Unique Atmosphere of Rome .

A Simile

As Prot. Churches are to Catholic , so are other  
cities to Rome . Why ?

In one The Blessed Sacrament ; in the other  
the Papacy . Both supernatural .

Unique : The Voice of God : cf. Sinai .

Comparison between Catholicism in London and Rome .

A city set on a hill .

Immense driving power of Catholicism in Rome

Invincible vitality ,

The Power house of Christendom .

The Eternal Resurrection of Rome

The unending Life of the Church

Apostles ; Catacombs ; Middle Ages : Renaissance etc.

The same uninterrupted life sweeps on .

The Power of the Church

Cf. its relation with Fascism ,

cf. Russia and German dictatorships .

Cf. Bismark and Mussolini .

The Secret of it all

THE POWER OF THE KEYS

The Papacy ,

The Vatican State ,

The Concordat ,

( Mussolini and the 1 lira Rent ! from the Pope )

(2)

How the Concordat works in practice .  
My pupils and the ~~Balilla~~ Ballila Organisations  
Sunday Mass .  
The Park of Remembrance .  
Interrelation of Church and State .

#### THE VATICAN STATE

Small in body : but the soul infinite .  
The Vatican  
The Pope's court and guard .  
Vatican Stamps .  
Papal Ambassadors  
( Two sets of Ambassadors in Rome ! )  
( Comic Opera Genfarmes : two and two )

The Power of the Keys made visible  
Statues  
Italians and the "Monumental Sense "  
The daily life of the Pope .

The OSSERVATORE ROMANO A unique newspaperer  
New editorial offices ( money paid out of the  
Concordat )  $\frac{1}{2}$  20,000,000 / to the Pope.  
Its work .  
Watches the morals of the State,  
e.g. Cinemas , variety shows , political contraventions  
against the Concordat .  
Missionary reports ,  
Papal Speeches ,  
The work of the..Congregations .  
*New Art gallery at Vatican*

#### THE CONGREGATIONS

The vast machinery of a society of 300,000-999.  
The most wonderful organisation in the world.  
Macaulay's remarks thereon .  
Examples . Congregation of Propaganda .  
of Rites  
( Father Garde and "the red books " )  
The Avocatus Diaboli

#### The LIVING VOICE

Canonisations .  
Papal Encyclicals .  
Description of a Canonisation ceremony (next page )

#### Protestant propaganda in Rome

Naomi our Protestant maid .  
Selling Prot. Bibles .  
A story of Bible Selling in Cortina .  
The average catholic's idea of a Protestant Church .  
*Waldensian Churches*

THE New Vicar of Rome and his recent "Reformation" in the Catholic Churches .

Example St Sylvestre Church .

Danger of neglecting the Blessed Sacrament ,

RELIGIOUS MUSEUMS. - *Missionary M. & S. J. Lattiano*  
*Art Galleries. "The Purgatory Museum"*

#### POPULAR CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS

Catholicism an ever present atmosphere

Names of Streets ,

The "Bank of the Santo Spirito .

Madonnas with electric lights in the streets

In grocers and butchers shops & cafes etc.

The Silver Hearsts in the Churches in gratitude for "graces"

The phrase "una grazia" .

Little children and ecclesiastics in the streets

Religious statues .

*at* The new church of Don Boscos ,  
of the Little Flower .

The marvellous "presepios", "Living Ones" all run by electricity . *(Cubs) by as a theatrical stage*

Even the Fascists have one ( in a Roman Forum!)

Illuminations on Festival days .

of the Madonna ( "Madonna mia  $\frac{1}{2}$ " )

of SS Peter and Paul .

The Blessing of the Animals : horses , dogs, cats etc. of the motor -cars .

The wonderful "Campo - Santo" . The Cult of the Dead.

cf. Ancient Romans . Pompei .

The Church and its relation to Pagan Customs

Supernaturalised them .

cf. the Pagan monuments - Egyptian Needles - surmounted with a cross . Symbol of Rome ..

#### A DAY OF A CANONISATION

To revert to opening simile - cf, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament .

60,000 persons in St Peter's

Extraxt from description of a Canonisation Ceremnoy .

( twenty minutes ) .

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#### CONCLUDING REMARKS

England "Our Lady's Dowry" .

Pray for the conversion of England .

One Fold one Shepherd.