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An Appreciation



THE National Convention of the Holy Name Society, held in Washington during September, participated in by one hundred thousand, viewed by almost the entire city of Washington and a huge concourse of visitors, broadcasted to a reverent radio audience of unestimated numbers, and heralded by the press throughout the country as the outstanding religious and patriotic demonstration in the history of our land, is now an accomplished fact. It was made possible through the initiative, versatility, generalship and untiring efforts of one man—Father M. J. Ripple, O. P., P. G.

The difficulties to be overcome, the objections to be met, the passivity to be fanned into enthusiastic activity, the preliminary planning, journeys, conferences and addresses, the enlistment of the approval of the Hierarchy and the support of the branches throughout the country, the almost infinite detailed work required to assemble 100,000 men in Washington, to arrange for their comfort and entertainment, their safe transportation, their public demonstrations of patriotism, their monster parade, religious exercises and the closing ceremonies, are merely some of the high spots in the gigantic task which was so adequately planned and successfully accomplished by Father Ripple.

The intense activity and growing enthusiasm for the cause of the Holy Name Society in this country, the healthy condition of the physical organization of the branches, the staunch devotion of the members, their consecration to the Holy Name cause and the rapid growth of the Junior Holy Name are all fruits which may be justly attributed to the inspiring guidance of the National Directors. The history-making convention in Washington is the crowning event in a period of fruitful activity by Father Ripple as National Director. May the work continue until every Catholic man in our country is a member of the Holy Name Society!