

GREEN FOR A DAY.

Tomorrow the world will be green for a day, while the sons and daughters of Erin gather to honor their Patron Saint and people of all races and nationalities pause to applaud the contribution of the Irish to the civilization of the world. St. Patrick's Day, above and beyond its cultural, historical and political significance in recalling the glories of Ireland and the Irish, is essentially a spiritual feast. It is the calendar feast of a great apostle and a great saint of God.

The gift of St. Patrick to the Irish, for which his name has always been invoked in praise and thanksgiving, is the gift of the Irish to the world, quite apart from any other contributions, made by the sons and daughters of Erin, is likewise the gift of the true faith.

Ireland and the Faith have been synonymous always. It is the faith which carried the Irish through long centuries of persecution and tyranny and supported them in their exile and in finding new life in the far flung portions of the globe to which they were dispersed by force of economic necessity.

While the world turns green for a day, and the "Irishman's Dream" in which the Hudson becomes the Shannon and the City of New York becomes the County Cork comes true, there will be gratitude in every Irish heart to Ireland's Patron Saint, for the gift of gifts which has kept them all close to the Heart of their God! --Editorial, Brooklyn Tablet

"I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy."  
(Edwina Freehlick)

The more I think in terms of "that wonderful guy," the happier I am because the less time I spend thinking of myself.

If you are in love with someone, and your thoughts are fixed upon that person--on his needs, his desires, his problems, his likes and dislikes--you'll eventually be driven to help supply those needs...Real love can never be merely dreaming, nor

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can it be merely receiving things. Real love is action--it is giving!

These attitudes began to mean something to my fiance and me when we attended a Pre-Cana Conference together six weeks before our marriage. "Love," said the Pre-Cana director to the one hundred engaged couples, "is each of you living for the other...Love is being wholly concerned about the happiness of the other person." So you see why I think it's foolish to spend my time thinking of what I like, what I prefer, what I want to do, and what would make me happy. At the same time, my happiness is assured if I think in terms of the other person.

What is love? "It's a giving: it's being wholly concerned about the happiness of the other. It's living for the other; it's striving to fill up the needs of another despite the sacrifice to you."

Here, then, was my formula: "Your happiness will come to you through the happiness of your partner...."  
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The Divine Parallel.

The love song of the saints might well have been: "I'm in love with a wonderful God." Divine love and human love follow the same formula. St. Thomas says that love, especially the love of friendship, draws us out of ourselves and unites us to our friend, makes us live in him and hold his interest so close that we are willing to sacrifice our own good for his.

Love, human or divine, seeks union, identification with the person loved, transformation of one will into the will of the other. The saints achieved this union to a high degree. In the words of St. Paul: "I live, now not I; but Christ liveth in me." --Gal. 2, 20.

To love your wife truly is to be wholly concerned about her happiness. To love God truly is to be exclusively concerned about His honor and glory. "Love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart...."