

Ireland's Saint Patrick's Mobile Cathedral Proclaims One World

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The One World Crusade team started in Ireland in June 1973 when their mobile unit, a four-ton truck, began its touring. Broken only by short visits to the church center, it has continued ever since. The team's activities include street selling, lecturing, singing, and witnessing. They use a set of poster boards with an outline of chapter one of the Divine Principle.

They have taught and entertained many guests in the mobile unit's spacious upstairs, which they also use for sleeping. The mobile unit, a gift from the English Unified Family, was christened Saint Patrick's Mobile Cathedral by Dr. Orme. It has become a national monument in Ireland, it is so well known.

"The people of Ireland are by nature inquisitive and take great interest in our activities," writes Irish One World Crusade Commander, Tom Molloy. "Through loving give-and-take we are quickly winning the hearts of the people to our Father's side. The country mothers of ten say, 'I wish my son would join your movement. Would you talk to him?' We are coming to see very clearly that if we can present to the people real hope of a world of love, peace, and beauty, we will win their support. Then the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The team tour around Ireland has been colorful and varied. On one occasion as they approached one country town they noticed that the streets were cleared of traffic and the sidewalks were crowded with people. When the cathedral got half way through the town the team realized that they had arrived in the middle of a religious procession.

Children began waving and running around the cathedral and the whole town was soon in confusion. The cathedral got caught in some flags which were tied between buildings. Amid cheering people, excited children, and panic-stricken policemen, the procession rounded the corner behind them. The day was saved when one of the boys unhooked the flags from the upstairs window of the cathedral with a clothes hangar.

"Our aim is to become one with our Heavenly Father and unite with the people," Tom added. "In this way we can bring many good people to serve God in this day of need."