

In three memorable days, 29 September - 1 October 1979, Pope John Paul II visited Dublin, Drogheda, Clonmacnois, Galway, Knock,

Maynooth, Limerick and Shannon.

During this time, he delivered several talks, sermons and addresses, including an address to the Irish Government,

and a 'special broadcast address to the Sick' on RTÉ radio and television.

Among the themes he chose included the call to faith, parenthood, peace and justice, the Eucharist, forgiveness and youth and prayer,

all of which still resonate today.

www.catholicbishops.ie have published a selection of his addresses in audio and booklet format, as well as a video interview with Bishop Michael Smith, Bishop of Meath, who was a member of the organising committee for the visit in 1979, and a gallery of images from the event.

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