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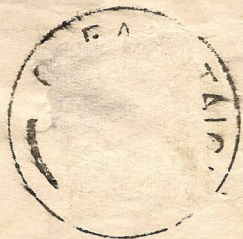
Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons,

A very dear and a very sincere friend of mine has an immense regard for you. In his desire to honour your eightyfourth birthday he has asked me to thank the Giver of all good gifts for the inestimable gift of your friendship. I am going to Lourdes to-morrow and while in that corner of the earth that is so dear to Our Lady, I shall offer Mass for you. Mr. O'Donnell Murray has also requested me to say Masses for the repose of the souls of two friends of yours whom Death has recently claimed. They are Captain Eddie Byrnes and Bart Sweeney. Both are names that have the stamp of Ireland imprinted on them. There is no doubt about the land that gave their forebears birth. I shall duly carry out Mr. Murray's request.

I can see from Mr. Murray's account of your integrity and your inspiration and your lofty principles that you will be getting shoals of congratulatory messages, on your birthday. Permit me the honour of sending you one from the land of your sires. It is a pleasure to do so. God love you!

Sincerely yours,

*(Rev.) D. J. Furey*



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