

Speech of President Brundage

*given at the private audience of
H.H. John XXIII, on August 29th 1960*

Your Holiness,

In the name of all Members of the International Olympic Committee, I should like to express to Your Holiness our gratitude for Your kindness in receiving us here in Castel Gandolfo.

At the same time I must thank You for the audience at St. Peters when You gave Your Benediction to all participants.

No matter of what faith, the spectator could not fail to be impressed by the dignity and solemnity of that ceremony.

On that occasion it was clear that You understood very well the Olympic philosophy.

We are glad that Your Holiness, just as Your predecessors, has taken an interest on our work. Since the objectives of the Olympic Movement are not merely to win medals and to break records, but to develop health and character and thus lead to a happier and more peaceful world, I can assure Your Holiness that Your interest in the Olympic Movement is not misplaced.

