

DOUGHERTY REFUSES AIRPLANE

Newspaper Offered One to Speed Him From Havre to Rome.

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ROME, Feb. 5.—Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia is being delayed in his race to Rome by storms on the high seas. His steamer will not reach Havre until Tuesday, making it impossible for him to arrive here before Thursday, according to the latest information.

Appreciating the desire of the Catholics in America to have their Cardinals participate in the selection of the next Pope, the Paris office of The Chicago Tribune sent a wireless to Cardinal Dougherty offering to place at his disposal an airplane with which to make the trip from Havre to Rome. This would have permitted him to enter the conclave at the Vatican on Wednesday.

After consideration Cardinal Dougherty replied by wireless that he regretted that the offer to help him speed up his trip to Rome could not be accepted. The risks, possible serious delays because of bad weather and other uncertainties of flying, as well as the strain of being in the air twenty-four hours, in the opinion of the Cardinal, offset the advantage of arriving in Rome a day earlier.

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