St. Patrick’s Day: A History of Craic and Sláinte Across the Globe Beyond MU

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St. Patrick: Typical Image
The Historic Patrick

- The *Confessio* and the *Letter to Coroticus*
- Enslavement; visions; mission
- One of several missionaries to Ireland
- Local patrons were key
- Urban VIII, 1631
- Gradual spread of traditions

St. Patrick’s Day in Irish Popular Culture
Today’s Festivities

• Early parades/processions in Boston & NYC
• St. Augustine (1601!)
• $4.5-$4.8 Billion spent in 2018
• Local Flair
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Source: Image from 2018 at apgwi.com
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Source: @bigeasydotcom at neworleans.com
Occasional Political/Sponsor Tension

• Ex., Michael Flannery as Grand Marshall in NYC (1983)
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Source: NYT, 3/16/18
St. Patrick’s Day, Dublin, Over the Years

Dublin Typographical Printers Society (1959)

Rubic’s Cubes, 1982
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2018, Parade on O’Connell Str. Source: Irish Mirror, 3/19