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Raphael, p. 1026.

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Ill, aunt of Charles
Carroll (Morr.).

For The Pitt Game.

Members of the S.A.C. will wake you up tomorrow morning on time to go to Mass and Holy Communion at 6:25 for the protection of the team. Coaches and players appreciate your support in the chapel more than anywhere else. Go to confession tonight, if necessary--at night prayer, or, immediately after supper, in the Dillon or Basement Chapel.

The Bulletin Has A Birthday.

Tomorrow, October 24, is the fifteenth anniversary of the Religious Bulletin, which Father O'Hara began on October 24, 1921, with an issue of seven copies--one for each of the halls then in operation at the University, one for off-campus students. The little publication was first entitled, "Mission Bulletin"; its initial purpose was to call attention to certain abuses observed on the first day of the Mission of that year. Other abuses on succeeding days of the Mission brought other Bulletins.

The Mission ended, and so did the Bulletin. But students began to ask for more; and they got them. The present title was adopted, and issues appeared two or three times a week. Then a request was made for a daily issue, and this demand also was met. Carbon copies remained the rule for three years thereafter--mimeographing began in September, 1924. Even then, copies were furnished for only a limited number of students--for those who called for their Bulletins at the Prefect of Religion's office, and for a few friends outside the University who would understand local conditions and would see in the text the exaggerated outlines of a caricature.

In October, 1929, the University decided to furnish each student with a copy daily, and to mail the Bulletin to alumni and friends who might ask for it. The number of off-campus students was large at that time, and some eight hundred copies were mailed to this group. The mailing list outside the vicinity began to grow by leaps and bounds; today it numbers some 5,000, including more than 800 schools, in most of which it is posted or read daily by the students.

A very conservative estimate of the number of readers today is 150,000. It goes to nearly every state in the Union, and to fifteen foreign countries. Its mailing, and the correspondence which it brings, requires a considerable portion of the time of eight secretaries.

Why is it read by students? The best answer is that it deals with questions that the students themselves bring in, and it aims to discuss these questions in the plain, direct language of the students themselves. The background of its arguments are the principles of Catholic faith and morals--and that's a solid background.

Extremely fortunate is the Bulletin to carry for its readers the brilliant writings of the famous and gifted Arnold Lunn. Mr. Lunn is now lecturing at the University in the field of apologetics. On its birthday, the Bulletin thanks Mr. Lunn publicly for his unusual kindness.

A prayer for the success of the Bulletin is always in order. An anniversary certainly suggests such a prayer. Father O'Hara had recourse to St. Joseph, "who always made apparently difficult Bulletins easy of composition." Please ask St. Joseph ever to continue his patronage.

Cavanaugh Hall with \$20.35 and Eadin with \$15, Dr. Beard (whose letter will appear tomorrow) with \$5, and several smaller contributions, have boosted the fund for the statue in Washington honoring Christ Light of the World to \$168.86. Eight halls--Dillon, Sorin, Walsh, Lyons, Howard, Carroll, Freshman, and Old Infirmary are yet to be heard from. Hurry!

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Fr. Ryan, C.S.C.; sister of Fr. Reinhold, Cincinnati. Ill, wife of Walter Duncan, '12, recovering from operation; Pete D'Arcy, friend Gene Dolan (How.). (One special intention.)