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Vignette of Valor

Blood Donors still needed.
See the Prefect of Religion
at 117 Dillon hall for ...

... appointments at the
Blood Bank. Those under 21
need permission of parents.

It was Sept. 18, 1952. And after 40 years spent in China, Bishop Galvin was coming home to his native Ireland. But it was a sad home-coming for him, because he had left his heart behind him in China. Now he was on the train bound for Hong Kong, in the custody of three Red Police who constantly reminded him that he was a criminal -- this man who gave everything he had to China. They wouldn't kill him because that would give the Church another martyr. And because he wanted to stay on and die in China, they expelled him. They denied him the consolation of his last hours with his adopted children in Christ.

This is the story of the founder of the Society of St. Columban. And it gives us an insight into the heroic mold embracing the brave souls who leave family and friendly fields to win the farthest frontiers for Christ -- the missionaries. Surely, we, stay-at-homes, should lend them every possible assistance.

One Sunday, each year, every parish in the world takes up a collection for them. It is sent to the Propagation of the Faith headquarters where it is parceled out to the missions throughout the world. This is the Sunday for your contribution to the missions. It doesn't have to be a great contribution -- but make sure that it is something according to your means, and that it involves a sacrifice. Empty your hands of something material that Christ may fill them with His blessings.

Follow The Leaders

The Seniors are making great preparations for their trip to the Navy game, these days. But that's not all -- they're even mindful that October is the month of the Rosary, and that something should be done about it. Accordingly, they'll meet at the Grotto on Sunday at 5 p.m., for the public recitation of the Rosary. You don't have to be a member of the class to join them. More power to them, and to anyone who joins in their devotions!

Tonight The Novena

Last week, we asked you to refrain from disturbing antics during the Novena service. Violators belonged to an impromptu "band" and amplified record players who might have been of greater service had they offered a few prayers that the team be preserved from injuries. That's what the team itself does -- and that's what the entire student body used to do. In fact, everyone got up for Mass and Communion on Saturday morning -- a fairly accurate yardstick for genuine school spirit, because it involved a little inconvenience. Noise wasn't the only manifestation of loyalty. And the coaches and squad appreciated the gesture -- it inspired them to do their best. Some people shout a lot ---- and let it go at that!

Anyway, the Novena begins at 6:45. The Pep Rally starts at 7:30. Go to both.

This Sunday again -- You will have Mass in your own hall chapel at the time designated by the rector. And contrary to what anyone says or thinks, it is not fashionable to come late. It is not courteous. It is not even Catholic. Then what is it? It's a sin! You may very well be guilty of scandal, too. This is the sort of thing that merits a good long stretch in Purgatory. Be sharp! Be on time!

PRAYERS REQUESTED - Deceased: John A. Mullen, '28; father of Philip North, '39.
Ill: sister of Bob Quinn of Sorin. Three special intentions. One thanksgiving.