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Austin has made the Irish Mission to China her own. Our appeal for support has met everywhere with an immediate and satisfactory response, not only in prayers and donations, which we asked for, but also in missionaries. A number of Australian young sons and daughters have offered themselves, quite uncalcaltated, for personal service in China. Their sacrifice is beyond praise. They withdrew their services from Australia, and offered them to China, not because they love Australia less, but their Master more. They wish to give Him the best service they are capable of. May He reward their splendid generosity, and bless, in return, the country they leave for Him.

Bless it! He surely will. To mention only one thing, the sacrifice made by these young missionaries will be responsible, under God, for a big increase in the number of applicants for the home priesthood and home sisterhoods. It will bring home to Australia's sons and daughters the value of a human soul, and, therefore, the grandeur of a divine vocation. "Worthy of particular attention," writes Father Huslein, "is the fact that the work of the home apostolate and vocations to the priesthood increase according to the measure of gentleness with which the cause of the foreign missions is exposed." Cardinal Manning was not far wrong when he said that "the fact that we need missionaries at home is just the reason why we should send missionaries abroad."

The Far East's first Editors (L-R) Fr Edward Maguire, Fr Hugh Donnelly and Fr William Kehoe.

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Sr Joan Sawyer, a Columban Sister and eight hostages died in a shootout outside Lurigancho prison, Peru on December 14, 1983. This photo appeared on the cover of The Far East, April 1984. Columban Sisters carry the coffin of their comrade into the church at Cueva, Lima, for the Last Rites.
Significant moments in The Far East history

The “Negros Nine”

Three priests and six peasant farmers - charged with the murder of a Filipino mayor, including Columbans Fr Niall O’Brien and Fr Brian Gore in April 1983.

Manila Martyrs

Columban priests killed in Manila, Philippines. Five were known as the Malate Martyrs.

Columban Kidnappings

Columban missionary Fr Des Hartford was abducted on October 27 1997 and released on November 8, 1997.

Columban missionary Rufus Halley who was shot and killed in 2007 in the Philippines in a bungled kidnap attempt.

Columban Fr Michael Sinnott was kidnapped in the Philippines on October 11, 2009 and released on November 11.

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