Because they dared to be different, the Agneses, the Cecilias, the Sebastians helped save the world for chastity and for Christ.

Pagan Rome reveled in debauchery, it glorified vice. And lust, like a vampire rising from the swamps of sin, drew out the life-blood from that strong and cultured people.

Peter and Paul, fresh from the spectacle of Calvary, burning with the zeal of the Pentecostal Fire, dared to be different. Into the foul nests of vice they plunged the cross of Christ; pleaded for the miracle of Christian chastity.

They dared young and old, men and women, to carry on their shoulders the chip of the cross. Under the inspiration of that cross, weak little Agnes dared to say No to the powerful Prefect of Rome. And for sixteen hundred years she has been the inspiration of all girls who dare to be different. Sebastian dared to be different. And today he is a symbol for those young men who dare to say No to the bestiality of the age.

Herod is dead. Pontius Pilate is dead. Nero is dead. But the saints live on. And Christ still walks over the troubled waters chiding those of little faith.

The pageantry of ancient Rome is found only in books. But the glorious pageantry of Christian chastity and love marches across the face of the earth chanting the hymn of the conquered.

There is a challenge today, the old dare to be different.

Is history repeating? Are divorce and bold, sensational and glorified immorality the heralds of approaching doom?

There is need today for a new rally to the old dare to be different. The elders of our generation have not succeeded admirably in a sacred trust. Youth must pick up the torch of truth and of morality and hold it high.

Youth must know that liberty is not license but freedom from slavery to passion and to lust.

Give us a chaste nation and America will be saved. Lust leads to chros. Chastity leads to order and to God.

"Sorinite" writes: "Not long ago I had occasion to ask prayers in the Bulletin for one very dear to me. In that emergency the value of your daily requests dawned on me in a new way.

"Ever since, immediately after my Holy Communion in the morning, I have offered one Our Father and Hail Mary 'for the intentions listed on the Religious Bulletin.' I pass on the idea in the hope that many others will do likewise."

Swell. To amplify the suggestion: how about making this the intention of a special Our Father and Hail Mary immediately after Holy Communion, "All the requests in the Bulletin and the needs of Notre Dame and her sons."

If everyone prays that way almost simultaneously every morning we will be held together like a family by the bond of prayer. And certainly through God's goodness we will all profit by the bond.