Chastity Captivates.

Today more than ever, this virtue demands the heroic. It means persistent, hard fighting. For us fallen children of Adam and Eve, there is no other way to chastity than to chastise ourselves. We must cultivate the spirit of never-give-in self-denial.

But this, says the modern psychologist, is cruel and unnatural. The idea of mortification! Constant repression makes nervous wrecks. Only the self-indulgent man really lives.

Evidence abounds to the contrary. Far from consisting essentially in repression, chastity is the finest expression of self-control. It is mastery 100%. Measured in terms of manliness, it takes far more, in these matters, to say "No" than "Yes." "No" expresses stamina. "Yes" is the easy way out. It represses, depresses, flattens your character.

Chastity is not just an absence of something—impurity. It is something positive in its own right. The chaste man is stouthearted, not a weakling slouch. In his eye, there’s a glint, not the dull stare of empty unhappiness. He wears a smile never-forced. His cheeks are tinted with a healthy, natural blush.

In the chaste man’s presence, any girl is safe. His mind, like his body, is strong. He has no time to stoop to a vulgar joke.

Pray God may spare our Holy Father yet longer...Pray for Jackson Chung (Carroll) who is very ill. 28 days to Christmas.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Dcm Virgil Michel, brother of Dcm Bede Michel, O.S.B., now at N.D.; father of Br. Romanaus, C.S.C.; father of Pete Trlic '32; anniv. father of Al. Swanser (How.); grandmother of Dan Ryan (Scrin.); Ill, Bill Nolan, brother of John Nolan (Bro); father of John Hartman (Cav.); (ordination) aunt of Bill Kramer; friend of Jim Clifford (Al.); brother of Bob Scally (Lyons); sister of Bill Olsen (Cav.). Six special int.