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A Valiant Woman

"Father, I've come to the conclusion that I very definitely don't like my job. Some of the men, and girls too, have the filthiest mouths and they don't care what they say to us younger girls. For instance, Monday morning I was sitting next to one of my girl friends here at the office, a really lovely girl. There were about six men and seven girls sitting around in the back office (I work in a real large office). This one fellow said something very foul, and of course, everyone laughed but this one girl and me. We were just going to walk away when he said, "That goes for you two." Then he laughed."

"I flew up, walked back to where he was sitting and I slapped him hard across the face. He is my assistant supervisor. I realize now that I shouldn't have been so quick on the draw, but, Father, when men forget how to conduct themselves in front of girls, a beating wouldn't be due punishment. Eddie (her fiance) has never even spoken a bad word in front of me, because he respects me, and I guess you know Eddie well enough to know that he's a grand guy and he thinks as much of me as I do of him - which is no end."

It takes more than watchfulness, prayer and the frequent reception of the Sacraments to make a pure man or a pure girl. Purity, in no small part, is built on an attitude of mind, that is, a respect for the dignity of the human body, of womanhood or motherhood. We don't make light of the things we appreciate. God made sex. It's part of His divine plan of peopling earth and heaven. The foulmouth person does not see eye to eye with God. He cheapens the works of God pulling them from the pedestal on which the Creator has placed them to push them around in the dirt. Eddie is a former Notre Dame student very recently transferred to another naval station for advanced training. His girl has paid him a high compliment. Can your girl or the girls with whom you associate pay you the same praise?

G.I. Apostolate.

Last semester the BULLETIN told the story of the life boat apostolate of a Notre Dame student. His boat torpedoed by a German sub, this man, a member of the Merchant Marine, lived for three days on the high seas awaiting rescue. He wasted no time during those days. The crew heard him speak about Christ, His Church and the things of eternity. After the rescue, one of his shipmates requested baptism. The priest found that the lifeboat instruction had been so complete that there was no need in delaying the pabtism.

And now the Catholic newspapers are carrying the story of the apostolate of another Notre Dame man, Vincent McAloon. Recently two Army men received four Sacraments in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, three in one day, Baptism, Confirmation, and Penance. First Communion was made the following day. It was Pfc. McAloon who instructed these men in the teachings of the Catholic Faith and arranged for their reception into the Church in Rome.

The chaplain or pastor cannot do all the work in his parish. Christ expects everyone to pitch in according to his training and ability. The Catholic College man should be able to give an adequate explanation of the principle doctrines of the Faith. Are you keeping your eyes open for opportunities to make Christ and His Church better known and loved?

PRAYERS: (deceased Sister M. Rita, C.S.C.; Mrs. Agnes Mills Bickett; Capt. Charles Emeka, cousin of Pvt. John Garvin (Cav); brother of Sister Lucilla, C.S.C.; Missing in Action: Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski. (Ill) brother of Dave Champion, (ROTC) serious.