
Patron of the Pen and Press (II)

Side by side with the secular press, your press is advancing in technical perfection. Most of the diocesan weeklies have broken away from the forbidding page made up of seven or eight columns of solid print. Instead your eyes are now caught and held by numerous captions of varying size and divers types; and sometimes, as in the case of YOUTH, even by a mixture of inks! Cartoons, pictures, serial stories and features make you look forward to next week's issue.

There is no danger of your eyes being fixed in an animal stare at libidinous drawings or at sexy advertisements. Your Christian supernatural life and dignity are not imperilled or compromised as they frequently are nowadays by the more worldly of worldly newspapers and magazines.

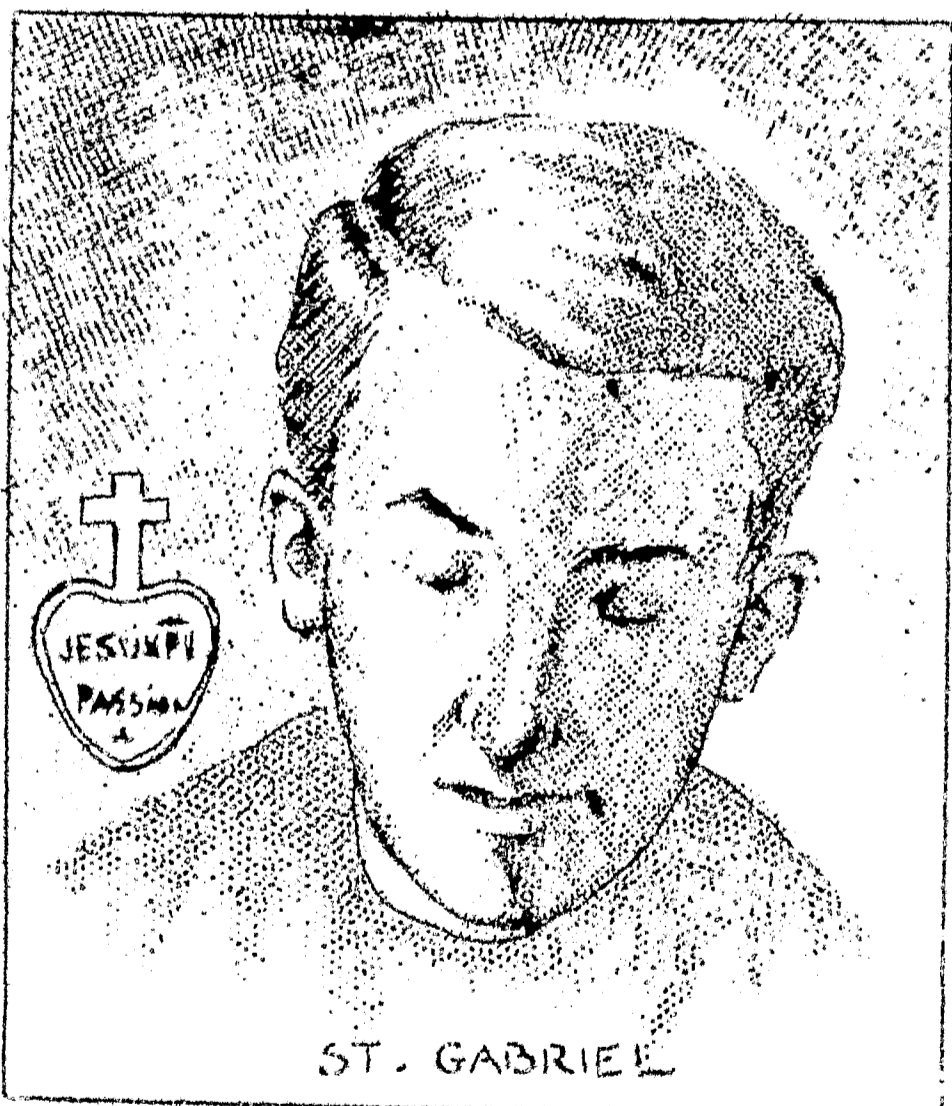
Now, you may object that the good secular press is not as bad as all that! But in that kind of thinking you show how far you have been deceived. Daily doses of an im-

ly harmless paganism have slowly drugged you till now you think and act no differently, on many points, from the way your non-Catholic and even non-Christian neighbors think and live. The secular press, in a positive way, and the public schools, mostly in a negative way, have done an incalculable disservice to Christ and to Christianity.

That is why it is refreshing to take up a vigorous, candid, objective and truly wise column like Monsignor Smith's Listening In week after week. It does both your mind and heart good and you perk up with pride as you reflect that this one channel of thought is irrigating 468,603 Christian fields every seventh day! May the REGISTER system of Catholic newspapers continue to spread throughout the United States!

moral, appealing, attractive and apparent-

That is why you Catholic college men who have been born into the richness of the full Christian heritage and wish to protect it against pagan and diabolical theft; and who wish to preserve Catholic faith, ideals and culture for your children should shower thanks upon Bishop Noll of Fort Wayne for adding YOUTH to his already popular paper, OUR SUNDAY VISITOR. They now visit over 513,000 homes---homes that are everywhere! (Notice of "NO SMUT!" in the pages of YOUTH has brought in nearly three hundred requests from Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, Canal Zone, New England, California, most of the other states.)



You Might Make It, Tee---But Not
Unless You Have What It Takes!

Sometimes even a college man, starting out in A.B. or---wonder of wonders!---in Commerce or Engineering, seriously gets the idea that God is inviting him to throw off the tuxedo and dress up in the cassock.

Francis Possenti, born March 1st, 1838, in Assisi, ran into that kind of divine suggestion while he was a student at the Jesuit college in Spoleto.

But Francis tried to fight off the idea. Handsome, wealthy and worldly, and popular he entertained notions of settling down to a life of accomplishment and of ease.

If you have been "ducking" a divine vocation to the priestly or religious life, don't be a fool. Beg the Blessed Virgin to overwhelm your fears and your weakness with the grace and courage she gave Francis---which changed him to Saint Gabriel, Passionist! His life proves that, even if it is hard to break with the world and family and one's best friends, it can be done. *** If you wonder, do not delay; consult your confessor.

And, next time you half-humorously, and again half-seriously, say to the priest, "You live a soft life," don't be surprised if he smiles: "Right. But too tough for you."