

to refresh our souls and quicken them in the newness of life conformably to the model of Christian perfection shewn forth in the lives of the Father, the Mother and the Son, whose imitation is the end of our holy Confraternity.

### Privileges of the Holy Family.

The privileges accorded by the Church, in the form of Indulgences, to the Holy Family are most numerous. By a Brief, dated April 20th, 1847, His Holiness, Pope Pius the Ninth, granted "to all the faithful of both sexes, who are members of the aforesaid Association, a *plenary Indulgence on the day of their admission*, if, having made a sincere confession of their sins, they receive the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist; also a *plenary Indulgence at the article of death*, if, truly, contrite they confess and receive Holy Communion, or, not being able to do this, are truly penitent and invoke the Name of Jesus with their lips, if possible, or at least in their hearts; likewise a *plenary Indulgence* on each of the Feast days of the Confraternity (thirty in number) or the Sunday following each, on the usual conditions of Confession and Communion and a visit to the Church for prayer." By the same Brief he granted one hundred days' Indulgence for every attendance at the pious meetings of the Association or the performance of any good work recommended by it, and finally declared all those Indulgences applicable to the souls in Purgatory. Surely all good Catholics who are solicitous for their soul's increase in grace and merit before God, or desire to live in constant communion of charity with their deceased relatives and friends, will find in this outpouring of the Church's spiritual treasures upon the Holy Family sufficient inducement, apart from all its other benefits, to enroll themselves, and encourage others to enlist, in the Confraternity.