



GENERAL INTENTION FOR JUNE.

*Named by the Cardinal Protector and blessed by the Pope
for all the Associates.*

CHRISTIAN FATHERS AND MOTHERS.

Substantially, the Christian family is made up of the father and the mother cordially and strenuously co-operating in the all-important work of bringing up their children and of rendering them worthy of the ultimate designs of God in their creation. These combined efforts of father and mother should result for their children in the possession of God in heaven,—the one great object of all our hope. The sublimity of this mission of Christian parents with regard to those confided to their care is apparent to anyone, enlightened by faith, who reflects upon the function of the least of the elect in heaven, and considers the increase of accidental glory secured thereby to the holy and august Trinity, and the corresponding increase of splendor and eternal joy for the father and mother who have been the cause for that one of the elect of such transcending happiness.

But even in this world there is no happiness, if we except that of souls consecrated entirely to God in the priesthood or religion, comparable to the very real happiness of the truly Christian father or mother.

And finally, from a social point of view, ever excepting the religious and the priest, nowhere do we find influence and action so necessary and powerful as the parental in