

### Members and their Obligations.

All are eligible to membership in the *Holy Family*, for all are concerned in the work it aims at accomplishing, and all can help it forward by the force of numbers and by mutual edification at home and in the public assemblies in the church. We know full well how orderly and pious is the household life of our faithful people generally, and how free from the least taint of the viciousness and religious indifference that infects the atmosphere of the outer world. It may be asked what need have good Catholics, such as these, of membership in the *Holy Family*? But the fathers and mothers who thus vigilantly guard the sacredness of their fireside, are they who will best appreciate the powerful assistance supplied them by the church for sustainment in their meritorious efforts and the better assurance of permanent success. The children may outgrow the parents' tutelage, or it may please God to call the heads of the family out of life; and, in either event, it will be well if the Church shall retain a hold upon the hearts of the young man and the young woman for the continuance of their pious parents' teaching and example through the repeated lessons and discipline of the *Holy Family*. It is, moreover, a duty of Christian charity to aid one another in spiritual, no less than in temporal, necessities. Whence, they who have, through God's bounty, been favoured with greater richness of faith and more ardent zeal for the promotion of piety and goodness in their own domestic circles, ought, in thankfulness to their heavenly Father and charity to His less favoured children, contribute to the diffusion of the peace and joy of holiness through their neighbours' homes, and the creation of a high religious and moral tone in Catholic society, by active co-operation in a work, whose end is to make others be what *they* are, to regulate disorderly households in conformity with the rules of religion, to recall the erring, to confirm the weak, to elevate the depressed, to counteract evil example and the baneful influence of human respect, and by united effort to main-