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This Week's Red Hat.

This week's red hat (two classes) will be conferred on those lay cardinals who have announced that they have seen "The Sign of the Cross" and find nothing wrong with it. A feather in the hat will distinguish the candidates whose simple innocence blinded them to the filth of this picture; a button (or perhaps three or four buttons) will be worn by those of depraved taste.

(Incidentally, those who follow the advice of the lay cardinals and see this picture may go to the lay cardinals for absolution. Our Lord said of those who sin against the light: "Their sin remaineth." It is hard to get contrition and purpose of amendment for a deliberate sin against the Holy Ghost. Bishop Schrembs has called the film an insult to Christianity; those who patronize it join in that insult. Let them join with the mockers at the foot of the Cross if "The Sign of the Cross" means nothing to them. But let them remember the fate of those who jeered and said: "His Blood be upon us and upon our children.")

Fatherhood.

"From the moment that a husband is told that he is something more - that he is a father - his love for his wife should deepen. The child should be a link binding them more closely to each other, and more closely to God Who in His goodness gave it unto them. His kindness, tenderness, sympathy, and compassion should grow apace. He should loosen the bonds that, hitherto, bound him down to society outside his own home.

"He should remember that, in justice and in charity, he is no longer free to roam about with old companions at his own sweet will, nor is he at liberty to indulge in the selfish amusements of his youth. On these points many fathers of families err most egregiously. They live as before in clubland. They gad about with irresponsible chums of former days. They spend their earnings freely, and selfishly, on their own pleasures; in one word, they forget the responsibilities of their new state of life.

"This is most regrettable. It means the ruin of the home. The mother pines for companionship and finds it not. The children find that father is little less than a lodger in his own home. The father himself is deprived of the sweets of home life, and if, in the earlier days of married life, he ostracizes himself from his own fire-side, he will find it almost impossible to relish it as his family increases.

"I have known more than one family to go to the dogs, simply because the father was hail-fellow-well-met to all outside his own home. All his spare hours were spent outside. He was sober, religious, helpful, popular; courted by priests and people because of his activities; but a stranger to his home. Who can be surprised at the sad results?" -- Father Alexander, O.F.M., in "The Catholic Home."

Perhaps this is a picture of your father; most likely it is not. If your father has sinned against home life in his ignorance, pray that God will bring him back to his family, lest his old age be bitter and barren. If, on the other hand, your dad was as active as your mother in making your house a home, thank God for it every day of your life, and show - by deeds more than words - that you appreciate so good a man. -- And keep this Bulletin as a guide to your own future happiness in marriage.

PRAYERS: Deceased - the father of Rev. Robert Sheehan, C.S.C., '20, and Tom, '24; Sister John Bernard, C.S.C.; three deceased friends, one of them a martyr to motherhood. Ill - Tom Medland '30 (condition critical); the fathers of Leo O'Neill and Harold Pohlmeier; Bill Knox's mother has shown some improvement. 7 special intentions.