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On the next page is the FAMILY PLEDGE. Make it today! Frame it in your home! Additional copies (on heavier paper) can be obtained from AMI Supply Shop. (See page 31.)

Make your family FIRST in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary! There is no surer guarantee of happiness in the next world...and in this.

## HOPE for ALL FAMILIES!

by J. M. HAFFERT

Our Lady chose members of a family for the message of the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart in the world. They were sister, brother, and first cousin...of a close-knit family in the hamlet of Aljustrel, parish of Fatima, Portugal.

### *Source of Hope*

Union of the family in Faith is the first fruit of the Fatima message. It is also the basis of the world's hope against the tide of evil which today threatens us all.

If the father is the head of the family, it might be said that the mother is its heart.

### *Anna Maria Family Apostolate*

On Mother's Day last year (which fell on May 13th, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima) a special apostolate for families was launched at the National Center of the Blue Army, based on the Fatima Message and the model held up to families by the Church: Blessed Anna Maria Taigi.

Archbishop Nicholas Elko became the Episcopal President of

this apostolate which bears the simple name AMFA...first letters of Anna Maria Family Apostolate.

### *Family Living of Pledge*

The Blue Army has three pamphlets about Anna Maria (mother of seven who was chosen by Our Lady to be the model of young women and mothers) which may be had free of charge by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the *Blue Army, Washington, N.J. 07882*.

*This apostolate is little more than a FAMILY living of the Blue Army Pledge... in the spirit of the children of Fatima.*

The Spiritual Director of the movement is the Rev. Michael Pintacura of Amarillo, Texas. Fr. Michael once served, while a Brother of the Holy Eucharist, at the National Center of the Blue Army in Washington, N.J. He is now the official vice-postulator of the Cause of Blessed Anna Maria for the United States as well as spiritual director of AMFA.

The co-Presidents of the apostolate (officers are dual, consisting

of both husband and wife) are Doctor and Mrs. Robert Mager (parents of six children), who reside near Father Pintacura in Texas.

This apostolate actually began to take form a quarter of a century ago with a family in Beacon, New York, under the title of CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CLUB. It was tied in from the beginning with the apostolate of Fatima and the Blue Army. It developed into AMFA when Father Pintacura and a great devotee of the Holy Trinity (Father Valerian Rykowski), joined with some forty lay persons at the tomb of Anna Maria Taigi in Rome in September of 1978 in the resolve to form AMFA for a *family apostolate of holiness throughout the world*.

1980 throughout the Church will be the Year of the Family.

Under the leadership of Archbishop Elko and Father Pintacura, and with devoted and dedicated couples like Dr. and Mrs. Mager, it is to be hoped that the Blue Army will make great strides towards emphasis of *family holiness in 1980*.