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All in the Family

Just What Is A Manly Man?

I was in the dentist's waiting room the other day and halfway through a magazine column titled "One Man's Opinion," when my name was called. Thus, I never got to read what it was that made a man manly, the subject of the piece.

Actually, I had no need to. I know what constitutes real masculinity, having given some thought myself to the matter over the years.

To wit: A manly man is one who knows how to (and does) diaper a baby as deftly as his wife, takes his turn (and then some) walking the floor at night especially those first few weeks the baby is home.

He does not always help with the supper dishes, but more often than not he is there, rinsing and scraping (without assuming a noble pose).

He knows how to run the washer and dryer and is not averse to mucking out the bathroom particularly when company is due.

He can bathe and put a toddler to bed with a minimum of fuss and when confronted with a hard-core client can tell a bedtime story and keep one eye on the baseball game at the same time.

The manly man comes in

all sizes, from bantam to Bunyanesque and never takes unfair advantage of his physique.

He may play ping pong or football but does so for the action and the pleasure, not for the aura it conveys.

The manly man does not need a fast car, a hunting rifle or a stuffed wallet as a prop, though needless to say the last comes in handy if he is a family man.

He is no stranger to the kitchen stove and often gives his wife a weekend break; has been known to simulate a fast food operation for his kids' gratification.

He is patient with older people, considerate to the young, and though he respects himself and acts accordingly does not mind looking silly in order to help somebody else.

The manly man enjoys a good joke but has no need of a laugh at someone else's expense to make himself feel big; doesn't gossip about his family to his friends or vice versa.

He may have only a grade school education or hold several doctoral degrees, dig ditches for a living or help run the country, but knows that his worth is not measured by the amount of formal education he was able to acquire nor the job he holds, but rather by the affection and respect with which he is regarded by those who know him best.



Graduation Day

Joshua Rebis, right, shares a moment with his father, David, after graduation ceremonies for the Kindergarten students at St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street. Some 30 children from the morning and afternoon classes received diplomas from Father James Boyle, co-pastor, and then entertained their families by performing a song and dance choreographed by their teacher, Mrs. Elaine Fitzgerald.

Father Bayer Elected by Red Cross

Father Peter Bayer, Board of Directors, director of the diocesan Pastoral Planning and Management Department, was elected chairman at the organization's annual meeting. Preston Kodak of Penfield has been elected to a three-year term of the Red Cross.

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Living Wills to Be Lawyers Guild Topic

The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild will discuss living wills at its annual luncheon membership meeting at noon, June 30 at the Chamber of Commerce.

Barone was recently involved in a Court of Appeals case on withdrawal of necessary medical treatment for terminally ill incompetents.

The topic, "What Lawyers Need to Know about Living Wills," will be presented by Vincent M. Barone, a local attorney. A living will avoids prolonging the life of an unconscious (comatose) terminal patient. The document, drawn while the person is in good health, directs the physician to refrain from medical procedures which prolong life. Its use is being promoted throughout the country by an organization calling itself Concerned for the Dying (formerly the Euthanasia Society).

According to William P. Polito, guild vice president, many lawyers are unfamiliar with the document and its serious drawbacks. He says, "By having the lawyers organization focus on this topic, we hope to alert attorneys to potential problems for their clients. Current activity by some groups for legalized euthanasia of the terminally ill and handicapped newborns require attorneys to advise carefully their clients against unanticipated results."

Living will legislation of various types is pending in 42 states and has been enacted in several states including California, Texas and Oregon. New York has not enacted such legislation.

The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild is an association of local lawyers who have discussed several current moral-legal-medical issues in the past.

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