

## **The Angels: Those Marvelous Beings Who Protect and Guide Us**

The existence of angels, spiritual, non-corporeal beings, is a truth of our Faith supported by both Sacred Scripture and Tradition. According to St. Augustine, the term “angel” refers to the office of these spirit-beings as servants or messengers of God. They always behold the Face of God and give Him worship and praise. As spirit-beings they have intelligence and will and are personal and immortal creatures “surpassing in perfection all visible creatures as the splendor of their glory bears witness.”

Christ is the center of the angelic world, as they were created through Him and for Him and are the messengers of His saving plan. We have seen evidence of them throughout salvation history and in the lives of holy men and women. We are most familiar with St. Michael, the Archangel, noted as the Champion against the Evil One and his cohorts. Gabriel is dear to our hearts as the one who brings good news from heaven, as to Our Lady at the Annunciation and to the shepherds at the birth of Our Lord. It is part of our belief also that each baptized person has his or her own personal angel to guard and guide him or her on the way back to our homeland in the heart of God our Father, along the way that is Jesus, under the direction of His Spirit of light and truth and love.

These two angels, Michael and Gabriel, appeared to Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil prior to the apparitions of Our Lady of America® to prepare Sister for the great spiritual battle before her and to pledge their support and sustenance against the forces of evil that would attempt to destroy this devotion and its great wealth of grace promised from heaven. These evil forces have not been able to destroy this holy mandate to America from heaven, but have managed to delay, divide and confuse some people who have meant well but lack the purity of heart to discern the evil spirits and to relinquish their own wills to the Will of the Father.

**I am Michael, Angel Captain of the Lord God of Hosts. I come to announce the coming of the kingdom, the kingdom of peace. The time is at**

**hand. Repent, bestir yourselves, O sons of men, repent and make ready your hearts that the King may establish His Kingdom within you. Do not delay, or the time of grace will pass and with it the peace you seek.**

**Behold, the Queen of angels and of men comes beforehand to make all things ready for her King-Son. My little sister, the message is a clear one, there is no doubt. Make it known, do not hesitate. I, Michael, have spoken.**

**(Diary, Our Lady of America®, Sr. Mildred Mary Neuzil, pg. 17.)**

On November 20, 1955 Sister had another encounter, this time with the angel Gabriel who said, "I have come to tell you that Our Lord is pleased with your effort to do good. He asks that you go to His Mother and learn great purity of heart."

It is this purity of heart that we can only learn from Mary that is key to this message and upon which purity in all other forms depends. Purity of heart, that attitude of utter "fiat" to the Will of God, utter humility and surrender to the work of the Spirit within, that ability to see God and to discern the spirits so that our lives themselves might be a song of pure praise to our Triune God. May the angels ever be with us to guard and guide us through this valley of tears until we are safely home with God.

**Copyright © Contemplative Sisters of the Indwelling Trinity, March, 2009.**