

Guardian Angels, Sister Mildred Neuzil and St. Michael



The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls “angels” is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition. St. Augustine says: “Angel” is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is “spirit”; ...With their whole beings the angels are *servants* and messengers of God. ... Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are his angels...They belong to him because they were created through and for him...all things were created through him and for him. They belong to him still more because he has made them messengers of his saving plan. ... The whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels....From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #'s 328-336.)

We have all grown up learning about angels and have probably said a prayer to our guardian angel every night. Like individuals, churches and nations can have guardian angels, too. In the Book of Revelation we read of the seven angels of the seven churches, though some Church Fathers interpret the seven (7) stars in the hands of the Son of Man as bishops or prelates rather than angels of those churches. When dismissed from the house of Abraham by Sarah, Genesis tells us an angel found Hagar, the slave woman who bore Abraham a son, in the desert and ministered to her and her son. The book also speaks of the three angels who visited Abraham while he sat near the oaks of Mamre, and of the two angels who rescued Lot from the destruction of Sodom. Angels were ascending and descending on the ladder to heaven that Jacob saw in his dream. The Book of Daniel tells us an angel in the fiery furnace saved Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah from the flames, and that the archangels Gabriel and Michael fought the evil Prince of Persia. And of course, there was the Passover angel in the Book of Exodus. In the New Testament the Archangel Gabriel announces to Mary she will be the Mother of the Savior, and he bids Joseph to have no fear in taking Mary for his wife, for the Child within her is of God.

Some people have been fortunate enough to see their guardian angels and call them by name. Padre Pio could see his guardian angel all his life; he even played with him

when he was a child. His angel would sing to him when he was sad and taught him other languages. He knew intuitively of others' needs and would send his angel to assist them. When he received so many letters he could not read them all, he told people to send their guardian angels to him with their requests instead. Padre Pio could read souls and often told people their sins in the confessional and then gave them absolution. He was familiar with the souls in purgatory and brought relief to many. Guardian angels offer our prayers and good works to God and they pray for us. Oh, if only we could understand what a gift God has given us in our guardian angel! We are never alone! (Ref: Google: Close Encounters of Padre Pio.)

Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, the visionary for the Our Lady of America apparitions, was especially familiar with the angels. Her sister in religion, Sister Joseph Therese, spoke of entering her room only to find her surrounded by angels and with a dove on her lap. Had not Jesus Himself called Sister Mildred His "little white dove?" When you left Sister Mildred's presence, she always bid the angels go with you. Sister Mildred writes of her **encounter with the Archangel Michael in the fall of 1954**. As she sat in a room next to the kitchen in her convent an angel dressed in white appeared, shining like a light in the midst of darkness.

He was holding a green palm and a drawn sword in his left hand, the tips of both palm and sword resting against his left shoulder. ...The angel said to me, "Receive the palm of victory." I became suspicious. I could not think of any victory of mine that deserved such a reward. Besides, it sounded a bit like flattery to me. I have always been wary of words of praise; they put me on my guard. Why was the palm not given to someone else more deserving of it than I? So I shook my head and resolutely went back to my prayers. But the Angel would not go.

He spoke again, "You do not believe me. Will you accept the cross?" For me this struck more nearly home. I said, "Yes, I will accept the cross." To this he replied, "Then you will accept the palm and the sword. With the sword the saints conquered themselves, the world, and the devil. I am the Angel of Peace. I come to those whose hearts are attuned to the Voice of God. To such as these I remain a perpetual light through blinding darkness. I was sent by Him Who said, "I am the Light of the World." Later it was made known to me that the Angel of Peace was St. Michael.

(Sister Mildred Mary Neuzil, The Dairy, OUR LADY OF AMERICA©, Lodi, OH, Pgs. 7-8.)

The next fall, September 29, 1955, the feast of St. Michael, Sister wrote her spiritual director, Father Paul Leibold, about that encounter with St. Michael and admitted that previously she had not paid much attention to St. Michael. (Sister's letters are copyright protected.)

I did not know then who the angel was nor can I describe him as I really saw him. Unlike all pictures, he had no armor. Although I did not see the sword at first, I did see it later with the palm in his left hand when he spoke of

it. That should have told me who it was, but it didn't....Anyway I have never seen any picture like it. When I came here, Father, I wanted something special to read....I chose Joan of Arc. ...Towards the end of the book I read that St. Michael is sometimes called the Angel of Peace. I never knew that. Then I understood who it was that had come to me. ...Sometime later, while thinking this over in Chapel, I wondered why he came dressed in so different a manner than is his usual custom. While I was doing so, a voice said to me, "I do not always come in the armor of war. Sometimes I come in the garments of peace." He called me "little maid" and "little Joan." He told me the "Big Maid," the "Big Joan" as he called her had a great battle to fight, but though it was very great, that which I must fight is yet greater as it is mainly against the powers of evil and besides, the forces against all good are much greater now than they were then. While in Chapel,...a voice said to me, "Little white dove of Jesus, I have been sent by Him to defend you from the Powers of Evil." So the evil spirit won't frighten me anymore, Father. With St. Michael around I feel very much protected. ...On the eve of his feast, the temptation came to me again, that I was being deceived. This thought frightened me, as it always does. At that moment a voice said to me, "You are not being deceived. You are too simple to be deceived." The temptation left me then.

The Church has a theological principle: when God calls anyone to a special mission, He first bestows upon the person His favor and all the necessary grace to carry out the mission. Mary was given unique privileges in preparation for her Divine Motherhood and her role as Co-Redemptrix with Christ. It should not surprise us then, that Sister Mildred, too, was given many favors with Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the angels. We know how important St. Michael was and is in the courts of heaven and for God's reign upon the earth in the battle against Satan for souls. To have St. Michael by one's side is a great privilege indeed. On May 8, 1957, Sister was visited by St. Michael again.

Write! 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, Pg.17.)

At another time St. Michael came to Sister holding an immense flaming torch and said, "**My little sister, you must carry this torch through the world.**" Sister states:

The next day I was interiorly enlightened during Mass. It was made known to me that those, particularly the youth, who are willing wholeheartedly to follow Our Lady in her great battle against evil, would bear the special title of "Torchbearers of the Queen." This torch, of course, is Divine Love, for it is Love alone that will conquer hate and all that hate brings with it. (Diary, Pg. 25.)

On August 22, 1981, pages 41 and 42 of her Diary, Sister speaks of visions with the Guardian Angel and Protector of the United States of America. Earlier St. Michael

had described Sister's battle, and ours, as greater than that of St. Joan of Arc because we are fighting against infernal evil forces worse now than then. Satan knows this message of Our Lady of America, with its doctrine of the Divine Indwelling Presence as the source of our holiness and our victory over hate, will destroy him and his power over souls. He does not want us to listen to Our Lady's warnings and promises that, when heeded, will bring about the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart over the ancient serpent. How many times has Satan hardened a heart against the simple truth contained in this message. God's Truth is always simple because there is no change, compromise or duplicity in it. The Word of God is God; they are one. One look at the world today and we know how badly we need angelic help from on high. Listen to the magnificent promise of the Guardian Angel of the United States of America.

I am...sent by the Almighty whose faithful servant I am, to help the people of God in their hour of need. I have been appointed guardian, protector and defender of the United States of America whose people honor and love the Immaculate Virgin, the Queen of Angels and have dedicated their land to Her.

If the people of this Land carry out faithfully the instructions and pleadings of the Lord Jesus and the Virgin Mother then they will be following me to the hour of peace. With this sword of the Divine white flame of Love and the lightning bolts of His infinite Justice God will strike down his enemies and heal the repentant sinner. This Nation and all who follow in the pursuit of peace will know the protection of God and the destruction of those who fight and seek to destroy them through the evil powers of the infernal spirits of darkness and hate.

Follow me, people of God, brothers and sisters, as our Queen paves the way and the peace of the Lord will reign once more upon the earth.

**By thy Holy and Immaculate Conception, O Mary, deliver us from evil.
Every evil of our day!**

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