



What angels can do for you

Angels can enlighten us in our problems, strengthen and defend us in our spiritual battles against evil and the powers of darkness. This is evident in the lives of Padre Pio and the Curé of Ars. Angels can help us in hidden and surprising ways, according to God's providential plans for us. Who has not heard at times of a child falling from heights or several stories, yet landing unharmed? And many have experienced near-accidents, saved only by a hair-breadth! Angels enjoy the beatific vision; they see and know their Maker in a special way, and share in His life and mission for us. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that each angel, having no body or matter, is essentially different from all other angels. He also taught that angels could commit sin which was the downfall of many angels when they were banned from heaven with Satan, because they would not serve.

Pope John Paul II has said that "at certain points in salvation history angels have had a fundamental role to play in the unfolding of human events."

It is no wonder that in the Canon of each Mass we join "with all the choirs of angels" in praising God!

Because of their important part in our Catholic faith, the very existence of angels therefore cannot be doubted or explained away as so many myths. We have only to turn to Christ's own words about them, also to the Bible, Fathers of the Church, the Sacred Liturgy, Councils of the Church, Popes' teachings, Lives of the Saints, and 2000 years of tradition.

Angels must be busier than ever these days when there is so much evil in the world and anti-Catholic persecution. The words of Pope Pius XII ring ominous in our ears: "Form with the angels one strong family, because of the times that are to come."

Let us thank God every day of our lives for our guardian angels, our faithful companions on our pilgrimage to eternity. They are much closer to us than we think!

*"Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
To love, to guard, to rule and guide"*

A.D. (trad. J.B.)

Captain "Al" McCarney and Kateri



*Captain "Al" love his
boats. He owns the
Ganaoque Boat Line, at
Ganaoque, ON.
But Bl. Kateri is always
present in his life.
One of his boats is
called: KATERI.
He takes her over all
the 1000 islands.
Here, he is besides his
new statue carved by a
known artist in
British Columbia.*



Mrs Rose-Mary Two Rivers from Kahnawake.



"Al", his Kateri, Jos. Two Rivers and the Vice-Postulator, after the blessing.