

# Our Lady of Fatima Bulletin September 29-30, 2012

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From the very beginning the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church has used sights and sounds as audio-visual aids to help us pray. Material beauty has a way of lifting the human spirit to contemplate God.



**The Angel of Fatima**

Those familiar with the six visits of the Blessed Mother to the three children of Fatima in 1917 are probably aware of the three visits of the Angel of Portugal [i.e. Fatima] which in 1916 preceded Mary's appearances.

The Angel's visits were to prepare [that is, purify] the children for Mary's miraculous visitations.

O.L.F. has placed at the main entrance of its worship space a statue of this Angel as a reminder to all who enter that they must experience purification before encountering that which is Holy and ineffable.



**A Guardian Angel**

Catholic belief asserts that each one of us has our own individual Guardian Angel who is with us at all times, good and bad.

These Guardian Angels have super human powers which they will use, if we ask them, to assist us in doing the will of God in our day to day life experiences.

O.L.F. has placed two statues of Guardian Angels on either side of our seasonal "Christ Scenes" to remind all of us of our individual (unique and personal) spiritual protectors in the hope that many will recapture an angelic devotion.



**The Archangel Michael**

As the role of the Guardian Angel is to protect and defend the individual, the role of the Archangel is to defend and protect the group.

Just as each of us individual parishioners asks (or should ask) our individual Guardian Angels to act on our personal behalf, all of us as parish beseech St. Michael the Archangel to defend us in any battle but particularly in our corporate struggle with all the forces of evil lead by Satan.

Michael is positioned with his strong back to the outside world from which comes evil, his protective arm and spear arching over the congregation.

The following is taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church whose 20th "birthday" occasions:

## THE YEAR OF FAITH

### I. THE ANGELS

The existence of angels - a truth of faith

**328** 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.

Who are they?

**329** 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'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel.'" With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word".

**330** As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures, surpassing in perfection all visible creatures, as the splendor of their glory bears witness.

Christ "with all his angels"

**331** Christ is the center of the angelic world. They are his angels: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him. . ." They belong to him because they were created through and for him: "for in him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - 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: "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?"

**332** Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation, announcing this salvation from afar or near and serving the accomplishment of the divine plan: they closed the earthly paradise; protected Lot; saved Hagar and her child; stayed Abraham's hand; communicated the law by their ministry; led the People of God; announced births and callings; and assisted the prophets, just to cite a few examples. Finally, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of the Precursor and that of Jesus himself.

**333** From the Incarnation to the Ascension, the life of the Word incarnate is surrounded by the adoration and service of angels. When God "brings the firstborn into the world, he says: 'Let all God's angels worship him.'" Their song of praise at the birth of Christ has not ceased resounding in the Church's praise: "Glory to God in the highest!" They protect Jesus in his infancy, serve him in the desert, strengthen him in his agony in the garden, when he could have been saved by them from the hands of his enemies as Israel had been. Again, it is the angels who "evangelize" by proclaiming the Good News of Christ's Incarnation and Resurrection. They will be present at Christ's return, which they will announce, to serve at his judgment.

The angels in the life of the Church

**334** In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels.

**335** In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the funeral liturgy's *In Paradisum deducant te angeli*. . . ["May the angels lead you into Paradise. . ."]). Moreover, in the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels).

**336** 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." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.

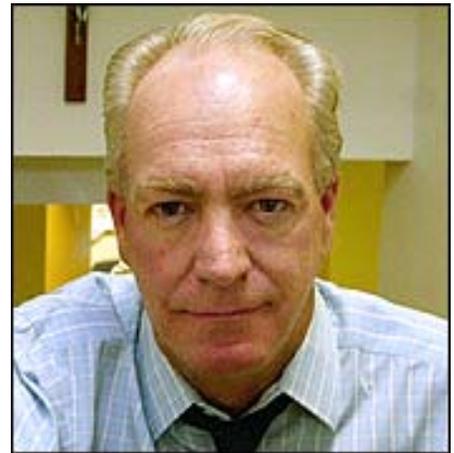
## Deal W. Hudson, President of the **Pennsylvania Catholics Network**

To: Fr. J.D. Zatalava  
Dear Father J.D.

You'll know what to do with this! You have my permission to reprint. See you for lunch on Monday, Oct. 1. Save me an hour for a one-on-one.

Regards,  
Deal

By Deal W. Hudson  
September 26th, 2012  
for Catholic Online



## **Warning to all Catholics: Prepare for Catholics for Obama Phone Calls!**

WASHINGTON, DC (Catholic Online) - The head of a pro-life committee at a parish I know just received a call from the Obama campaign. The caller asked for her daughter by name, and when she was not there then asked where she could be contacted. Her mother responded by telling the Obama supporter, "not to waste her time as my daughter is supporting the pro-life candidates Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan."

When the caller hesitated and acted surprised, the mother, a staunch pro-life Catholic, said: "My daughter is a practicing Catholic and would never cast a vote for a pro-abortion, pro-same sex marriage, pro-embryonic stem cell research, pro-euthanasia candidate who supported the HHS mandate that will take away religious freedoms from Catholic hospitals, Catholic charities, and Catholic institutions."

The Obama supporter then launched into her "canned response" and started reading from her call script: "Well, I am a practicing Catholic, and I strongly support President Obama." The mother then asked her if she was "familiar with the Pope's five "non-negotiable's." \* The Obama supporter had no idea what she was talking about and explained that it was only the Pope's "opinion" to ban the use of contraception.

The Obama caller then went back to her script, asking these clever questions:

1. How can you support a "Mormon" who does not believe in Jesus Christ?
2. What to you think about the "Nuns on the Bus" who support Obama?

The mother replied, "How can you support a man who supports the killing of innocent pre-born children for all nine months?"

Then, she added, "How can you support a president who denigrates the Sacrament of Marriage by supporting same sex marriage which is against the teaching of the Church?"

The Catholic mother then concluded with, "How can you as a Catholic support a president who supports partial birth abortion and did not support the Born Alive Protection Act when he was a state senator in Illinois?"

Now, get this! The Obama supporter, again reading from her call script, countered, "President Obama did not support abortion."

As the chair of a pro-life committee, this Catholic woman was more than up to the task of correcting the caller. She asked her "to do some homework." For example, did she notice that as recently as the Democratic Convention "pro-abortion speakers and supporters of Planned Parenthood were the featured speakers?"

Then came the biggest whopper of all. The Obama supporter said, "Planned Parenthood helps children get health care and prenatal care and does not promote abortion."

Stunning, isn't it? The lies people are willing to tell....

The pro-life Catholic then asked the caller her name, but she would only reveal her first name, Cheryl, to a "crack pot." Rather than "losing her cool" at being addressed in such a manner, the mother continued to educate the Obama supporter about the things she was misrepresenting about Planned Parenthood and its abortion business; about abortion itself.

"Have you ever watched an abortion?" she asked the caller. The mother had been an RN and volunteered at a crisis pregnancy clinic. She suggested to the Catholic Obama supporter to "enlighten herself on the abortion procedure; that it was the slaughter of innocent children and not a penny of my tax money should support the killing of an innocent child."

As far as the "nuns on the bus" were concerned, she told the caller, "The Vatican is in the process of investigating their activities." As far as Mitt being a Mormon she said, "I support him."

Catholics across the nation should be prepared to receive these deceitful and dissembling phone calls. They should learn from this Catholic mother, this pro-life warrior and RN, to speak the truth, with charity, to those who are willing to tell lies in support of their favored political candidate. These *Catholics for Obama* calls are coming your way -- the scripts are written, their call centers are ready, and they are well-funded.

- Based on Church teachings, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Encyclicals of the Pope, and issue papers from the Office of the Doctrine of the Faith, the following five issues concern actions that are intrinsically evil and must never be promoted by the law. Intrinsically evil actions are those that fundamentally conflict with the moral law and can never be performed under any circumstances. It is a serious sin to deliberately endorse or promote any of these actions, and no person who really wants to advance the common good will support any action contrary to the non-negotiable principles involved in these issues.

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- 1. Abortion**
- 2. Euthanasia**
- 3. Embryonic Stem Cell Research**
- 4. Human Cloning**
- 5. Homosexual "Marriage"**

**Mon. 10/01**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
*Feast*             Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 AM Mass     Colleen Sheehan *B/Day 10/2, Carol*

**Tues. 10/02**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
*Feast*             The Holy Guardian Angels  
8:00 AM Mass     Hattie Zaczek *B/Day Ann., Children*

**Wed. 10/03**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
*Feast*             Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Theresa McCall, *Janet Stitt*

**Thur. 10/04**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
*Feast*             Saint Francis of Assisi  
8:00 AM Mass     Denise Keagy, *Bill & Carol Adams*

**Fri. 10/05**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
*Feast*             Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Frances Kasun, *Maria Czarnik*

**Sat. 10/06**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
*Feast*             Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30 PM Mass     Louis Mangiacarne, *Colleen Sheehan*

**Sun. 10/07**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
*Feast*             Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM Mass     Helen Pufka, *Jack & Colleen Douglass*  
11:00 AM Mass     Living & Deceased members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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**Happy Birthday:**

10/03 Emma Jo Summers  
10/04 Ethan Ronan  
10/05 Rachael Hallinan  
10/06 Mark Panek  
10/07 Britney (Brittle) Bradford  
          Colleen Douglass  
10/08 Paul T. Cassarly  
          Mildred Vaughn

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

10/01 John and Joan Adams, Sr.

*Nocturnal Adoration is scheduled for First Friday, October 5th at: St. John the Evangelist Church, 309 Lotz Ave., Lakemont. 8-11 PM*

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, (September 23, 2012)**

201 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,531.40 of which \$ 128.00 accounted for non-env. contributions.

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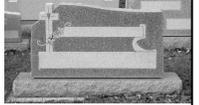
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