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Guardian Angels

Our Guardian Angels Protect Us in Perils

Innumerable instances of the protection of the Angels in physical dangers may be cited from Holy Scripture, from the lives of the Saints and from the daily experience of ordinary persons. Among those mentioned in the Scrip-

tures are the rescue of Lot and his family from the city of Sodom, the protection of the three Hebrew youths in the fiery furnace of Babylon, the assistance rendered to Judas the Machabee and his army, and the rescue of St. Peter in prison.

In the life of St. Gregory of Tours it is related that while he was still a boy, his father became dangerously ill. The devoted son prayed earnestly for his good father. That night his Guardian Angel appeared to him in sleep, saying: "Arise, write the Name of Jesus on a small wooden chip and lay it on your father's pillow." In the morning Gregory related the vision to his mother, who bade him do as he had been told. He obeyed, and the father immediately regained his health. Two years later, the father again became ill. Gregory once more had recourse to prayer, and again his Guardian Angel appeared to him in sleep, instructing him

and several of the older boys asked permission to wade across rather than to cross on the bridge. As the stream had every appearance of being shallow, Sister M. readily granted permission.

One of the most sturdy boys went ahead, but what was the surprise and horror of all when he suddenly disappeared from sight beneath the water! He had stepped into a deep hole, and as he was unable to swim, he floundered helplessly about, unable to regain his footing.

Sister M. ordered all the other boys back to the bank of the stream, and with a fervent invocation to her Guardian Angel — whose help she had often experienced — she herself was preparing to go to the rescue of the boy, who had just gone down for the second time.

Suddenly, as if by magic, two stalwart youths stepped out of an automobile, which had come up unnoticed, and went hurriedly to the bank. One of them stood beside Sister, while the other, without a word, descended into the water up to his head, took the boy in his arms, and carried him safely back to his teacher.

Sister thanked the young man most cordially and inquired his name. He merely smiled and said: "What does it matter — the boy is safe." Astonishing to relate, his clothes seemed perfectly dry when he and his companion returned to the car. Then they left so quickly that no trace could be seen of them on the road. Sister M. breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to her good Guardian Angel, for she was firmly convinced that it was he who had once again come to her assistance.

Though the holy Angels are most solicitous for our bodily welfare, yet still greater is their solicitude for the welfare of immortal souls. It is especially when the virtue of holy purity is assailed that the Guardian Angels lend their powerful protection to their proteges, as is wit-

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ST. KENTIGERN, BISHOP OF GLASCO

This eminent saint of the ancient church of North Britain was of royal blood among the original inhabitants of that country (Picts), and born about the year 516. At a very early age, he was placed under the discipline of St. Servanus, Bishop and Abbot of Culross Monastery. He was trained in the perfect spirit of Christian meekness and piety. For his innocence and great virtues he was beloved by his master and all who were acquainted with him and his family.

He retired to a place called Glasco where he led a solitary life in great abstinence, till the clergy and people earnestly demanded him for their bishop. He was consecrated by an Irish bishop, and fixed his See at Glasco, where he assembled a numerous company of religious brethren who formed their life upon the model of the primitive Christians at Jerusalem.

The saint's diocese was of vast extent and afforded continual exercises for his zeal and patience. He traveled always on foot, sparing no pains to spread the light of the gospel among the unbelievers, of whom he converted and baptized great numbers. He vigorously opposed the Pelagian heresy which had taken deep root among the Christians in those parts.

Besides the recital of the whole Psalter, he performed several other exercises of devotion every day; lived in a constant union of his soul with God; and by perpetual abstinence, and rigorous fasts, he made his whole life an uninterrupted course of penance. Every Lent he retired from the sight and conversation of men into some desert, to hold a close communication with God in solitude. As in both his virtues and labors he imitated the apostles, so God was pleased to authorize his preaching by conferring on him an apostolic grace of the miraculous powers. Out of his monks and disciples, he sent many missionaries to preach the faith in the north of Scotland, in the isles of Orkney, in Norway, and Iceland.

St. Kentigern was obliged to travel to Wales, where he stayed some time with St. David at Menevia, till Cathwallain, a religious prince, bestowed on him the land, on which he built a famous monastery and school where a great number of disciples and scholars soon put themselves under his direction. St. Kentigern, left his school to the care of St. Asaph (whose name the town bears to this day), and went back to Glasco, taking with him several hundreds of his scholars.

St. Kentigern employed his zeal all this time, with wonderful success, in correcting abuses, reforming

the manners of his flock, and propagating the faith, was favored with a wonderful gift of miracles, and died when he was eighty-five, in 601. His tomb, in his titular church at Glasco, was famous for miracles, and his name was always most illustrious in the Scottish calendars. ♦

Why is Mary the “Gate of Heaven” when Jesus is the Door?

It is true that Our Lord Jesus is the door, and that no one comes to the Father except through Him. He satisfied for our sins by His death on the Cross, and the Bible says there is “...one Mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

Mary, however, prays for us and in this way helps us to come to Jesus, and through Jesus to the Father and the Holy Spirit. St. Paul also says, “...What is lacking in the sufferings of Christ I fill up in my flesh, for His body ... the Church” (cf. Colossians 1:24). Mary also suffered with Jesus and so earned a high place in Heaven next to Her Divine Son, where She can now intercede with God on our behalf. James 5:16 says “... Pray for one another, that you may be saved,” so we ask Mary to pray for us, that we may be saved.

Because Mary suffered with Jesus so much and was so holy, She is now powerful with God and has been given many titles, such as Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, the Immaculate Conception (conceived without original sin), etc. This is why Her prayers are so powerful as well. ♦

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nessed in the lives of St. Agnes, St. Agatha, St. Cecilia, St. Lucy, St. Theophila and other Saints.

A touching story of a Guardian Angel's protection of an innocent youth is related by the renowned Jesuit, Father Coret. One day in 1638, a young nobleman appeared at the monastery at noon and asked to see a certain priest. The priest came and, immediately upon seeing the stranger, received the impression that this was an Angel. The heavenly appearance, the majestic bearing and the angelic demeanor of the young man were most striking. His countenance was fair, his eyes exceedingly kind, his hair blond, his features mild and delicate. The noble visitor apologized for coming at so inconvenient a time, but

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Apostolate Happenings

† Our Lady's Book Service

A new catalog will be going to press in the next few weeks and will be mailed to you as soon as it is off press and we are able to meet the high cost of postage. There will be 2 pages in the catalog dedicated to Spanish literature and a 16-page insert dedicated to religious items, some old, some new. As far as books, we have approximately 50 new books that are being viewed by the editing board for the catalog along with over 1,000 traditional Catholic books.



An example of the high quality new books which will be in the catalog are *Transformation in Christ* by Dietrich Von Hildebrand, *Trionon* by Elena Maria Vidal, and *The Guardian Angels Our Heavenly Companions*.

We have an alphabetical listing of books from previous catalogues where we will be offering a 10% discount. These are not discontinued, just special sale items.

We are also offering the large hand-painted statues of Our Lady of Fatima, that were such a great seller at the Hamilton Conference that we had to put them in this year's catalogue.

† Book Publishing:

We will soon go to press with the 4th printing of *Fatima Priest* in English ... a new chapter has been added called "A Law for One Man".

In the works is *Divine Impatience* where speeches from our 1992 Bishops Conference in Fatima have been condensed and edited for interesting reading.

Another book in the works is Father Paul Kramer's book *A Theological Vindication of Roman Catholic Traditionalism* truly the one book we recommend everyone read, as it is sure to be on this year's best sellers list.

† Winner of a Free Pilgrimage

The winner of this year's free Pilgrimage to Rome is Catherine Zwiener from Colorado. The draw took place

on July 20th and we contacted Catherine on the 21st and she couldn't believe it. She hadn't been on a pilgrimage before and was extremely happy. We have mailed Catherine a pilgrimage schedule and she is deciding which trip she is going to take.

† India Bulletin

The new Convent building is now ready for occupation and will be officially opened by the retired Archbishop of Hyderabad early in September. This will provide a home for the Sisters who administer the Orphanage, and the First Aid Center, and also teach in the school.

When the Convent building is occupied by the Sisters, we will then have the available rooms for the Brown Scapular makers to work. The Sisters were forced to take refuge at the orphanage as living in a remote rented house was judged unsafe. Various incidents of terrorism against Roman Catholic Clergy and Religious in many areas of India has resulted in priests and religious living at a distance from their work and traveling daily, and that is not without its own difficulties.

Since the Bishops Conference in Hamilton, Ontario, last October we have had constant contact with the many India priests and bishops who attended the conference. These priests and bishops are helping us with their prayers and also distributing literature on the Message of Our Lady of Fatima in their dioceses and parishes. A large number of them are also distributing Brown Scapulars with leaflets in the languages of the people.

† Overseas Distribution

Many other priests and bishops from other poor countries who attended the Conference have begged for medals, rosaries and scapulars for distribution. All of these requests have been fulfilled. Thousands of Rosaries and leaflets on How to Say the Rosary, Miraculous Medals and Brown Scapulars have been sent and received, even in Russia!

† Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are being sent to supportive bishops in Third World countries who have difficulty supporting their priests and in some cases could not otherwise afford medical insurance for them.

† Spiritual Ministry

Many people have telephoned, e-mailed and written to thank us for our comments on the text of the Third Secret released by the Vatican on June 26, 2000. Many have said that they now know a great deal more than ever before on the Message of Our Lady of Fatima. Most are not satisfied with the commentary supplied by the Vatican. ♦

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Readers' Mail



Dear Father Gruner,

Thank you for your nice letters ... Yes, I am praying with all my little heart for your success ... to get a majority of the Bishops to bring about the Holy Father's Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I opened today's paper and I was startled to read about the Russian Prime Minister, Sergei Stepashin's first visit to the United States and visiting and touring of our Boeing's Everett factory, which is not far from here, near Seattle.

I am amazed to hear all about the involvements in business affairs, monies, etc. It does not look good to me as I fear communism will eventually take over in the United States too. Sorry to say, I don't trust our President Clinton and I did not vote for him.

Don't give up as we have to be hopeful ... and trust in God's help.

I go to Mass every morning and try to make a Holy Hour Monday thru Friday. I almost always offer 3 Rosaries daily unless it is a busy, busy day. I have always abstained from meat on Fridays unless there is some big feast day.

I think of you often thru the day with prayer as much as possible. I try to abstain from things as a little penance for you and so forth. Sorry I can't fast more but past 80 years I don't do well as I am not one who takes big meals.

Be at Peace as God knows and sees the heart! Gratefully,

Sister Mary S., Seattle, WA.

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added, "The zeal with which you labor for the honor of God and the salvation of youth urges me to leave nothing undone when the innocence and perhaps the eternal salvation of one of your pupils is in peril. You are acquainted with the youth, N.?" The young man in question was a nobleman, about sixteen years of age, very handsome, possessed of great virtue and beloved by all. "Oh, how you would love him if you knew him as I do!" continued the stranger. "He is an angel, but alas, into what danger of temptation will he be led today! He has been invited to a banquet. If he goes, it will be at the price of his innocence; he will suffer an irreparable loss!"

Naturally, the priest was greatly surprised at this statement. He inquired of the stranger who he was and how he had learned of the snares which had been laid for the youth, but he received no other answer than that the

Dear Father Gruner,

Thank you so very much for sending the book (The Golden Key to Heaven). At this time of my life and in the past, I must admit I have been slacking off, missing Mass and not being the Catholic I should be. After reading some of the passages in this book, I said to myself, "I Will Never Get Into Heaven ... It's About Time I Must Change My Life Around."

I do hope to finish this outstanding book and then send it on to my family and hope it opens up a place in their hearts. So thank you again Father. You are doing a wonderful job. Jesus & Mary are at your side.

Don G., NJ

youth was as pure as an angel, very dear to God, and that his Guardian Angel was most solicitous to preserve his innocence. Then the stranger added, "Often I am in the midst of those who would lead him astray. I come in the name of God and conjure you to prevent so great an evil. Be convinced that as the demons exert all their power to

**Bless the Lord, all ye His
 angels: you that are mighty
 in strength, and execute
 His word, harkening to the
 voice of His orders.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul;
 and let all that is within me
 bless His holy name.**
Ps. 102:20,1.

corrupt youth, the Guardian Angels likewise do their utmost to protect them."

The stranger took his leave, and the priest hastened to inform the mother and the son of what had happened. He then made a search for his distinguished visitor, but he was never seen again, and the priest never doubted that this had been the youth's Guardian Angel. ♦

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