



# LEAGUE of the IMMACULATE HEART *Newsletter*

*"My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph"*

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This issue is dedicated to St. Gabriel the Archangel, Patron Saint of Television, Feast Day, March 24

## Getting to Know You ...

**V**ery few of you have ever had the opportunity to visit our TV studio to see what we do here and how we go about producing FATIMA: "The Moment Has Come".

We have launched a very exciting year in our TV Department, with plans for new types of programs, new guests and our very special new project is the production of teaching programs on the Holy Rosary, the Stations of the Cross and Spiritual Retreats. The sky is the limit. And this has all been made possible by you and other dear devoted friends like you.

Behind the scenes, though, there are many unsung heroes making all this happen. I thought you might enjoy hearing how we make a program.

Unlike other television programs that have a staff of dozens, our TV crew totals five. That's right only five. Compare that with the long list of Producers, Directors assistants, and, etc., etc., that are listed on the credits of some other programs you see on television.

To begin with, sometimes we fly in a guest or sometimes Father Gruner will just sit down with one of the staff, like Liz, one of our senior managers. With only 5 minutes preparation, it was decided "Lets do a program on Guardian Angels."

Father Gruner led the way and Liz recounted some very inspiring encounters she had with her own guardian angel. Need I say that this was one of the best programs we ever produced. The important thing is that the TV viewers responded very positively and called us for more information on Guardian Angels and on the Message of Fatima.

And of course, that's what we are here for, to reach more and more souls with the full message of Fatima and our One True Catholic Faith.

Before the cameras start rolling, Dianne our technical  
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**The Virgin Mary  
and St. Gabriel, the Archangel**

Be still, ye clouds of Heaven! Be silent, Earth!  
And hear an Angel tell of Jesus' birth.

While She, Whom Gabriel hails As Full of  
Grace,  
Listens with humble faith In Her sweet face.

Hail Mary! lo it rings Through ages on;  
Hail Mary! shall sound Till time is done.

— A.A. Procter

## St. Gabriel, God's Ambassador

The name "Gabriel" has been interpreted "Strength of God." Of the three Archangels mentioned in the Holy Scripture, St. Gabriel appears to be the King of Heaven's



chief Ambassador, fittingly endowed with dignity, graciousness, knowledge and discretion. And of all the embassies on which he was sent, the greatest was to announce the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation and the mighty work of the Redemption through the shedding of the Blood of the Incarnate Word. He it was, who at the Annun-

ciation first spoke those words to Mary which ceaselessly reecho round the earth: 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women' (Luke 1, 28). And he it was who there adored with Her the Word made flesh to dwell among us. He was, we may say, the first Adorer of the Precious Blood on earth, and the first to pronounce the Sweet Name of Jesus, Savior. He is also considered our Blessed Mother's Guardian in a very special way. We cannot honor Mary by devoutly reciting the prayer that is most pleasing to Her, without at the same time honoring the glorious Archangel who was God's instrument in Her exaltation. Their names are linked in Heaven and on earth.

Though his name is not expressly mentioned, we may well believe what tradition tells us, that it was St. Gabriel who announced to the shepherds on the hills of Bethlehem the birth of our Sweet Lord, and that it was he who led the multitude of blessed spirits who sang around the crib the Heavenly song: "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth among men of good will." It was he also who consoled dear St. Joseph in his sorrows, and accompanied the Holy Family in their flight into Egypt. And now, in addition to these ancient celestial assignments, St. Gabriel has recently been proclaimed Patron of Radio and Television by Pope Pius XII.

## Our Guardian Angel

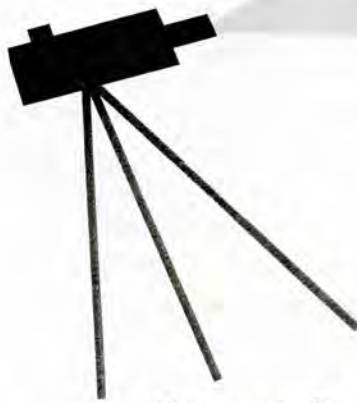
In the Catholic doctrine on Guardian Angels we find one of the most touching traits of Divine Love and Divine Providence in behalf of man. Saint Bernard of Clairveaux grew most eloquent whenever writing or speaking about our Guardian Angels: "O wonderful condescension of God! O love truly marvelous!... The Most High has commanded the Angels, his Angels, those sublime spirits, so blessedly happy and so near His throne, His familiar, His closest friends. He has given His Angels charge over thee. Who art thou? *What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*... And what thinkest thou He has ordered them in thy account? — To protect thee"

Nothing reminds man more vividly of his superior spiritual nature and of his glorious destiny in Heaven than his unseen Heavenly escort given us during our earthly pilgrimage. Just as kings give their children a tutor, an attendant from their own court, so the King of Heaven has given men, His adoptive children through grace, tutelary spirits, guardians and protectors from His own court.

What are, in particular, the duties of our Guardian Angels? Analyzing these duties, Saint Bernard says that the Angels constantly surround the souls of the faithful in their charge with the most tender care and love. They have but one great desire, that of leading us safely through life till we attain the glory and peace which they themselves possess and fully enjoy while in our company here on earth. They protect both our spiritual and our corporal life. They defend and protect our immortal soul from the seduction of the world and the wiles of satan. They often shield us from sudden dangers that threaten our life, or come to our rescue when some harm has befallen us. This becomes often manifest with the little children who quite often come out of serious accidents without any injury. The mind of the little children cannot be reached with warnings and inspirations, because it is not yet functioning; and thus the Guardian Angel must take direct action in case of danger. Adult persons, with the full use of reason, are warned and cautioned by their Angel, but because they remain free to heed or to ignore such warnings of their Angel, many unfortunate things happen to them in spite of their Heavenly protector.

The most important of all the duties of a Guardian Angel is that of positively helping man in the tremendous work of saving his immortal soul. They accomplish this by exciting in our hearts pious and salutary thoughts and desires or, at times, salutary fear of God's judgements.

What's new on  
**FATIMA TV**



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*Television show*

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Bob Brindle joined us recently to do a series of programs on home schooling. Bob and his wife Rita have home schooled their children for 14 years and now assist others in doing the same.

Children from home schooling grow up being very supportive of their family. Bob gives a touching account of how one of his daughters, after graduation, stayed home to help her mother teach her brothers and sisters.

Bob points out that children from home schooling achieve more academically and are able to participate in adult discussions very aptly, without feeling an age barrier.

Father Gruner is busy preparing a TV program on the Stations of the Cross. His narration for each station will also be offered on video so everyone can make the Stations of the Cross with Father Gruner, in their own living room, year round.

We have already aired one of four newer programs on the Rosary and the audience response tripled! There is a growing need for Father Gruner to pray with and preach to our listeners. So many souls are starving for sound preaching of the Faith of our Fathers.

We will be recording Father Paul Kramer's Sunday sermons and will soon be making them available.

As you can see, we are hard at work planning and shooting new programs for the spiritual welfare of our viewers. Pat yourself on the back for that. **You made this all possible!**

## **Pray Three Hail Mary's With Us**

Last year, so many of you assisted us in purchasing new television cameras and equipment so we could meet the industry standards. You will be happy to hear that ALL the stations have sent us a message that the technical quality of our new programs are much more superior than what we were previously able to produce and we now meet their technical standards. This is wonderful news as it means that finally, we will be accepted by stations that reach many millions more people.

But here is where the Three Hail Mary's come in. The software program we are using is antiquated for our needs. This piece of equipment is called our "Editing Suite". Every day, we pray three Hail Mary's that we will be able to afford a new Editing Suite. The current one allows us to get the job done, but it takes up to two days for each show to "render" all the technical directives that Dianne gives it. For example, when Dianne programs in all her changes for

one show, the machine and software take up to fourteen hours to render the changes. That's like when you mix up the batter for a cake for dinner, you put it in the oven, and the oven takes fourteen hours to bake it! With the new Editing Suite we have our eye on, as Dianne makes her changes, the software "renders" it immediately. Instead of only producing two shows a week, she could produce two a day!

Right now we have saved some funds out of our television budget to put down on the equipment and we are praying that we will soon have funds to purchase this suite and forge ahead with many more new programs.

**Pray 3 times:**

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou amongst women and blessed is the Fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. St. Gabriel, our patron saint of television, pray for us. ■**

supervisor, together with John, our audio champ, and Angel (well named) our new assistant, set up the lights, synchronize the cameras, test the audio and we're ready to begin. Paul, our systems assistant, mans the host camera on Father Gruner. Angel takes the guest camera.

Inside our soundproof booth, Dianne operates the switcher while directing the camera crew via headgear, and John monitors the audio levels.

The switcher, by the way, is very interesting. We have three cameras, one on the host, one on the guest and another unmanned which is our "wide screen" camera which takes in Father and the guest together. This camera angle is a good backup in case something happens to one of the other cameras.

I like the wide shot best because it has a nice view of our pilgrim Virgin Statue. She is always in a place of honor between Father Gruner and his guest on every single program.. After all, She is the real star of the show!

Back to the switcher, Dianne watches all three camera shots on three different monitors and she makes one good master tape by switching from one camera picture to another. When Father talks, she switches to his camera; when the guest speaks, she switches to that camera and for variety, of course, she uses the wide-angle picture.

Each program can only run for 27 minutes because we have to put the "Intro", our introduction and opening, announcements, and "Extro", our ending statement and address slate. So Dianne has to be very careful with the



## Guardian Angel

timing. She alerts the camera operators via the headphones and at five minutes to go, three minutes, and one minute left, the camera operators hold up a placard so Father Gruner and his guest will know to "wind down their thought process.

At the end of the shoot, the master tape is run through a time code system so the time shows on the tape. We ship this off immediately to Alida who types up a transcript of the tape and notes the time code at certain intervals. She also listens carefully to any references made to literature we offer or *Fatima Crusader* articles and she researches to find out which *Crusader* we published it in and the page number. She writes up a "key" which is the little ads floating at the bottom of the screen which tell you to call our toll free number and which *Crusader* to ask for if you want more information on that subject.

Alida also flags where we may repeat ourselves, or someone maybe stops to cough, so we know to cut them out. A

this work Alida does is reflected on her transcripts, which we call "paper cuts."

The paper cuts are approved and given to Dianne and she follows the instructions from a technical point of view and comes up with a program. Angel duplicates a copy for the TV stations we are on and ships them out for broadcast.

We spend very busy days in the TV department. The spirit of team effort makes it a nice place to work and the diversity of duties each one takes on saves the apostolate much needed funds. ■

— Coralie Graham - Executive Producer

### We Want to Hear From YOU!

You are such an important part of our Lady's Peace Plan. Because of you, through the means of the television media, we are able to spread Her message to millions more souls. We love to hear from you; your comments and suggestions for programs. Maybe you even know

someone who would make a very interesting and inspirational guest. Or, maybe you have some news for our Immaculate Heart Newsletter. Send them in. I'm looking forward to hearing from you, even just to tell us you are joining us in our Three Hail Mary's.

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