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“And there was a great battle in Heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought, and his angels: And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in Heaven. And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, who is called the devil and satan, who seduceth the whole world. And he was cast unto the earth: and his angels were thrown down with him.”

Book of Apocalypse 12:7-9

September 24, 2016
Our Lady of Ransom

Dear Friend of Our Lady,

The above passage from the book of the Apocalypse describes the great battle between the good angels led by Saint Michael the Archangel and the disobedient angels led by the proud Lucifer.

Lucifer rebelled against God's plan. In rebellion, he raised his great battle-cry: "I will be like unto the Most High!" It is estimated that a third of the angels took up Lucifer's rebellious cry.

At the same time, the great archangel Michael prostrated himself before the throne of God - the same act of reverence he taught the three child seers of Fatima to use when in prayer and before the Blessed Sacrament centuries later in 1916. With an act of profound adoration, Saint Michael opposed the cry of the rebellious angels with his own battle cry - "Who is like unto God?"!

Then followed the battle between the good and the bad angels described by St. John in the verses from Sacred Scripture at the top of this page.

St. Michael and his faithful followers won a glorious victory!

It is pride and disobedience that caused the downfall of Lucifer. Before his fall, Lucifer was considered the most glorious, beautiful and most gifted of all the angels of Heaven.

Before the battle with Lucifer and the bad angels, Saint Michael was in the second lowest rank of the nine choirs of angels, that of Archangels.

As a reward for his zeal and his fidelity to Almighty God,

Saint Michael was made prince and commander-in-chief of all the heavenly legions. He rose from the choir of Archangels to the head of the nine choirs of angels.

Saint Michael, a pure spirit and one of God's creatures, serves as an example for Catholics. He stood up to the most gifted, brilliant and beautiful of the pure spirits - Lucifer - and defended the rights of God.

He didn't hesitate and waver by saying, "but he is Lucifer and is the highest of all of God's creatures (the Blessed Virgin was not yet born), I can't go against him".

Sound familiar?

That is what we often hear today from many Catholics unwilling - either out of fear or out of ignorance - to stand up to their parish priest, their bishop, or members of the Church hierarchy (in a respectful manner, of course) who preach a doctrine that is outside of, and contrary to, the Catholic Faith as given to us by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are not spirits. We are God's human creatures. And though not spirits, like Saint Michael and the good angels, we have an obligation to defend the rights of Almighty God and His one true Church established by the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Let us follow the example of Saint Michael and in doing so, let us turn to him and ask him for help in this battle against the evil that has infiltrated into the Church - this battle for the salvation of souls.

Let us adopt his battle cry, "Who is like unto God?"!

Enclosed with this letter is "[The Story of Michael](#)" which you may have seen in the past. It is a copy of a letter written by a young Marine to his mother while he was hospitalized after being wounded on a battlefield in Korea in 1950.

Over the years following, the Navy Chaplain who investigated what had happened at the time on the battlefield, always confirmed the truth of the story when asked.

This letter was read once a year in the 1960s at a Midwestern radio station at Christmas time. Besides being a true story, it is also a most edifying and inspiring one. And it is one that parents might consider acquainting their children with in order to foster devotion to Saint Michael and the angels.

Also enclosed is a [bookmark with two prayers](#). One is a prayer to Saint Michael asking for his protection. It is the

prayer the soldier refers to in his letter to his mother. The second prayer is the one commonly known to Catholics as the Guardian Angel prayer, to be said daily to one's Guardian Angel for protection, etc.

We hear about all sorts of problems children encounter in schools and elsewhere, such as being bullied by classmates and others.

If children were taught about St. Michael and the angels, and understood that they have a Guardian Angel assigned to them as their guide and protector by Almighty God Himself, they would find this a great source of comfort.

They would learn that they have the angels as protectors to rely on if they will acknowledge them in prayer and call on them for help and assistance.

Just as the soldier was taught as a small child by his mother to pray daily to Saint Michael, and he continued this into adulthood doing so in danger - imagine if Catholic children worldwide were taught this as well - and learned to turn to Saint Michael and the angels for help routinely and when in danger.

How it would help and comfort children and improve their lives in a way that really counts - in a Heaven-centered way.

For copies of "The Story of Michael" or the bookmark with the prayers to Saint Michael and our Guardian Angel, call us at 1-800-845-3047 or return the enclosed reply form.

September 29 is the Feast of Saint Michael, and October 2 is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Holy Mother Church dedicates the month of October to the Guardian Angels.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,


Joanna Swords

P.S. If you have not already received it in the mail, you should be receiving a new leaflet titled: [The Truth about Lutheranism ... and why NO Catholic Should Ever Celebrate Luther!](#)

The purpose of the leaflet is to educate Catholics so they are not misled by the Pope's planned visit to Sweden on October 31 to "commemorate" the [500th anniversary of Luther](#). This is a grievous offense.

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