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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Faithful,

We end September with the mighty angels of God, led by Michael, Prince of the heavenly host. Their presence and protection this year are a good thing, invaded as we are by an antichrist and his hordes of propagandists, pandering to a population which has lost almost all sense of true religion. Bergoglio recently declared he was neither an antipope nor an antichrist. He knows we know.

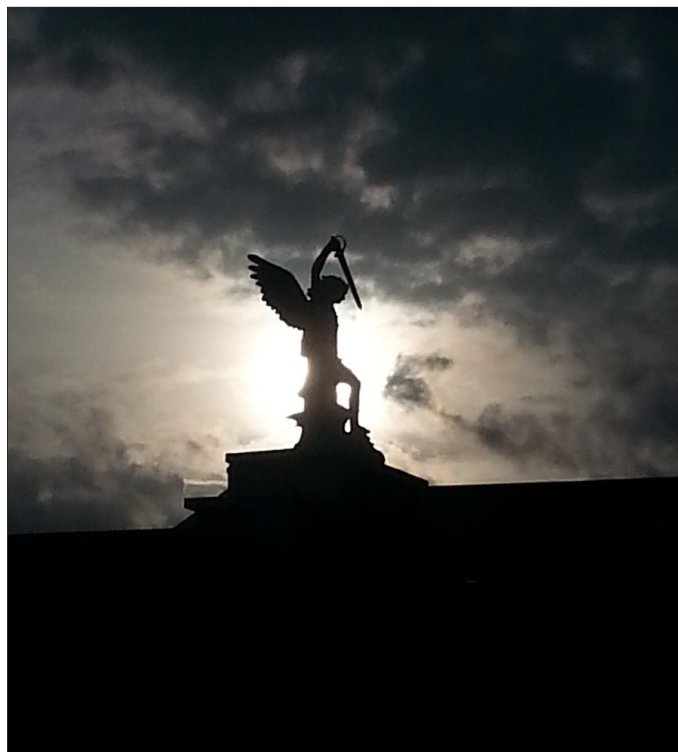
For us, Catholics who are left and not the “Catholics” of the Left led by Bergoglio, it is in a sense simple, although the pull may be very strong, as some temptations will be. Simply stay away, turn it off and turn away. Most of all, so not be taken in by the lure of a “Latin Mass” rendered sacrilegious by being offered “UNA CUM,” one with Francis, the imposter pope.

Right. So comes Sunday, and you have no good Mass you can manage to get to. Now what do you do? If you have internet, tune into our webcast of the Mass. Follow devoutly, as you would in church, with beads or prayer book. Make an Act of Spiritual Communion, and a Thanksgiving.

In addition, every Catholic household should have its family altar or shrine. There are no set rules for this, although those who have enthroned the Sacred Heart will have this statue or a picture, properly blessed by a priest, in a prominent place, along with a crucifix and an image of Our Lady. Blessed Candles should be there, for Christ is the Light of the World, and these sacramentals, used devoutly, banish the Devil and bring heavenly protection. You may contact us about arranging to receive these holy things.

You may set up your family altar then as well as you are able. But keep in mind that, like the altar in church, it should be as worthy and beautiful as possible in your circumstances, because it is for the glory of God. Individual tastes may vary. Some prefer a shrine which is quite simple, others something very devotional and elaborate. Flowers are always fitting, and candles do add to the solemnity of your prayer.

The most important thing is that your family altar



Early one morning the past summer, Father McGuire captured this image of St. Michael the Archangel. The statue caps one of the corners of our cloister and serves as a constant reminder of his great power and protection of the Catholic Church from her enemies. This unique picture will be featured in our 2016 All Saint's Roman Catholic Calendar.

should be holy, and lend an atmosphere of sanctity to your house, for it is a Catholic home, where Christ reigns as King, and Mary Queen. If at all possible, arrange with a priest to enthrone the Sacred Heart. If not, let the father of the family lead it devoutly in the priest's absence.

You may obtain an instructive Enthronement of the Sacred Heart pamphlet from us for a nominal offering, as well as holy water, blessed candles, and other sacramentals.

The Kingship of Jesus Christ is rejected by this world, and denied by those who claim His name and authority. Never mind. Make your home *His* territory, and the place of honor in it His throne room. “Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Yours in Christ the King,

– Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan

The Value and Use of Sacramentals

(from *My Catholic Faith*)

If we make use of sacramentals, as they should be used, *acknowledgment* of our faith in the efficacy of the blessing of the Church which God Himself founded, our act will be most pleasing to God, and the sacramentals will profit us greatly. If we wear a crucifix or medal on our persons, hoping that by God's grace it will preserve us from evil we are not superstitious.

We must remember, however, that of themselves the sacramentals have no power. They only have power through the prayer of the Church which uses the authority given by Christ.

If one uses sacramentals in the spirit of those who look upon them as powerful in themselves, with *no reference* either to God or the Church, or his own state of grace, he is superstitious.

We should use sacramentals *constantly*. Every Christian home should have holy water and blessed candles. Every Christian should receive as many blessings as he can. Every Christian house or building should be blessed.

In addition to the *private altar* which every Catholic home should have for the purpose of gathering for prayers, every room should have a crucifix.

Many homes have the laudable custom of keeping burning an oil or wax *votive lamp* on the family altar. In many homes it is the custom to sprinkle the beds with holy water before retiring at night.

Whenever in trouble, pain, danger, or temptation, the use of sacramentals is of great benefit. Every Catholic should own a blessed *rosary*, and use it. Every Catholic should wear on *his person* a blessed crucifix, medal, or scapular.

The Church, by use of sacramentals, teaches the faithful the *truths of religion*, aside from exciting good thoughts and increasing devotion. The truths of our faith are taught by sacramentals through the faculty of sight, as explanations teach them through hearing. Thus sacramentals are like picture books that are used as aids in the teaching of religion.

Through the proper use of sacramentals we can obtain *actual graces, forgiveness of sins, remission of temporal punishment, health of body and material blessings, and protection from evil spirits.*



Classes resumed for our school children on September 2, but you would not have known fall loomed just ahead by the blazing hot summer-like temperatures in Cincinnati! (Above top) Younger students return to their cool classrooms following recess. September 8, marked the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day was observed with a solemn high Mass and the customary blessing of seeds and seedlings and followed by birthday cake and ice cream for all!

All Souls Remembrance

The Catholic Church sets aside November 2nd as All Souls Day, to remember in a special way, all the faithful departed. Remember your loved ones by filling out and returning the enclosed special All Souls Remembrance envelope. In addition to remembrance on that day, the names of all those sent to us will remain on the altar for the entire month of November.

