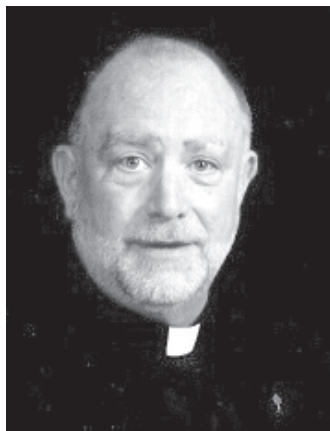


STATE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Holy Angels Guide With Their Own Lightness . . .



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“Then the angel said to the women in reply, ‘Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said.’” (Mt 28:5-6a)

God sends holy angels to announce two great events that mark Christ’s life. Angels, of course, appear at his birth, where they herald the joyful news that peace has arrived for people of good will. Angels also appear at Christ’s empty tomb, where they instruct Mary Magdalene and the other Mary about Christ’s

Resurrection. In both instances, angels bring God’s light to the world.

Little attention is paid nowadays to angels as messengers of God. The sad feature of this development results in our forgetting that God does speak to us. When we forget the lightness of angels, we find ourselves ghettoized in a dark corner of the universe. We forget that divine revelation opens for us truths that otherwise we would never even suspect. Think of the

women who came to the tomb at Easter daybreak to mourn a dead man. Instead, angels revealed to them that he is risen.

Twice the holy women are told, Do not be afraid. These words ring out as true today as they did when the two Marys first heard them. Truth to tell, when we try to figure out things for ourselves, we oftentimes become confused and upset. Who can solve every problem? Who can meet every need? Easter prepares us for a new way of life, one that

holy angels guide with their own lightness.

May the God of Light send his holy angels to you and your family this Easter (remembering that the Easter Season continues until the Solemnity of Pentecost on June 4!) bringing with them the grace to rejoice in the Resurrection of His Son!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Bob Knippenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Father Bob Knippenberg
State Spiritual Director