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C.S. Lewis tells a story about some "right-minded" and sophisticated parents who try to rid their daughter of the idea that God is a "Person." Instead, they tell her, imagine God as a "substance." All goes well for a time - until they learn the image she now has of God is that of a vast tapioca pudding. Worse, she can't stand tapioca.

So it might be with our view of angels these days. Sophisticated (but really), informed (but not wise), not and skeptical (but longing to believe), we know, as Karl Barth says, that we tend to doubt the angels or deny them altogether: "We protest with frowning brow and clenced fist that, although we might admit that there is a God, it is going too far to allow that there angels as well." And yet, Barth are concludes, "Where God is, there the angels of God are. Where there are no angels, there is no God."

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Angels, like their God, are definite, whether we do not know thier names or whether we know them as Michael or Gabriel. messengers They are God's to and watchers over His people and creation. They speak to shepherds, the women at the empty tomb, everyone with eyes to see or ears to hear. They proclaim, and reassure. startle, amaze, Mysterious as their contemporary guarks -they the counterpartsnonetheless represent, make real, point to the supernatural and world and grace without which our earth remains broken and incomplete.

Whether neutral and diabolical or protective and benevolent, angels dramatize the spirit while addressing the flesh. They appear as human beings to Abraham and comfort Christ in His pain and affliction. Tapioca they are not. Most amazing, they bring themselves down to earth motion us to heaven. The and debates over their exact nature have been endless. But of their presence among us there can be no doubt. We discover inexplicable kindnesses, are astonished by goodness, receive gifts, wonder.

The angels personify, bear, and return divine love and attentiveness. They help to transfigure. Most of our life seems unimportant, wrote Dorothy Day, and "filled with trivial things But from morning till night. when it is transformed by love it is of interest even to the angels." In outer, worldly, and inner space, angels witness to our solidarity rather than our solitude. "Unrightminded." unsophisticated, and naive it as childhood's might seem. uneasv faith had the image right:

angels were guardians. And there were, and are, more things in heaven and earth than we dream or know.

September 29th Feast of Angels Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Modern investigators of miraculous history have solemnly admitted that a characteristic of the great saints is their power of "levitation." They might go further; a characteristic of the great saints is their power of levity. Angels can fly because they can take themselves lightly.

- G. K. Chesterton

#### INVITATION

Have you wanted to know more about the Roman Catholic faith? Have you ever thought about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church? Do you know someone who has--is your roommate, spouse, or friend thinking about being baptized or receiving full communion in the Catholic tradition?

If so, the staff of the Office of University Ministry invites you and your friends to an informational meeting at 7:00 P.M. Sunday Sept. 30, in the Library Lounge. For further information contact: Office of University Ministry (Badin Hall) 239-5242.

# SERVICE to the ELDERLY

An elderly person needs you!

As a volunteer with Volunteers Organized in Community Elderly Services (VOICES) you can bring help, hope and cheer to the frail elderly in the South Bend-Mishawaka Community. Adult volunteers help in small ways and large, with much time or little. They meet a variety of needs in ways we all take for granted but which may be difficult or impossible for an elderly person.

We especially invite older adults to participate in this work. Volunteers are trained and support ed through the Center for Gerontological Education, Research and Services of the University. If you would like to join in this effort please call 239-5279 for further information.

## CONFIRMATION

The Office of University Ministries is sponsoring a preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 1984 85 academic year.

If you would like to be a part of this program or you know of someone who is considering the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an informational meeting at 8:00 P.M. Sunday Sept. 30 in the Library Lounge. For further information, contact: Office of University Ministry (Badin Hall) 239-5242.



### **HOLY CROSS ASSOCIATES** What is Holy Cross Associates?

Holy Cross Associates is a service program which gives oriented young Christians a one or two opportunity vear to explore community living, service, and simple lifestyles. Right now there are 32 Notre Dame and 2 St. Mary's graduates living and serving in Arizona, Colorado, California, Portland, and Oregon. For more information call Marianne Roemer at 239-7949, M.J. Murray at 239-5521 or John Fitzpatrick at 239-6522. Deadline for Chile applicants is October 30 and and domestic applicants Feb.1.

#### JOHN PAUL II and the CATHOLIC VISION

- Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:15

- Little Theatre, LaFortune Student Center

...a series of lalks designed to introduce several of the major themes of John Paul II's Pontificate. Each talk will focus on one or more recent addresses of the Pope; copies of these documents will be available for participants.

# Sponsored by the Thomas More Society

## Sept. 26: Why John Paul II's Insistance on the Return of CONFESSION ?

Last year John Paul II convened bishops from around the world to study ways to explain and promote the sacrament of reconciliation. Bishop Joseph Crowley of South Bend will speak on the understanding of freedom and morality which underlies the Pope's emphasis on the "forgotten" sacrament.

#### Liturgical Schedule

Daily Mass		
Main Church		
Сгурт	7:15 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Sunday Vigi	Mon Sat. Mon Fri. Mon Fri. Mon Fri. Il (Pootball Sat.)
Sunday Mass		
Main Church	5:15 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m.	(Sat.)
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# Natural Family Planning

Tuesday, Sept.25, 7:00 p.m. in Hayes-Healy Auditorium a Lecture and Discussion titled <sup>10</sup>An introduction to Natural Family Planning. For more information call 237-7401 or 277-8807.



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