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October -- Month of the Rosary.

Our Lady, herself, promised power to the Rosary. In the Middle Ages the Albigensian heretics were ruining souls. St. Dominic could neither convert nor stem them. In prayer Dominic sought Mary. She appeared to him, according to tradition, holding a Rosary in her hand, and said, "Be of good courage, Dominic... the remedy of so many evils shall be recitation of the mysteries of the life, death, and glory of My Son, uniting thereto the Angelic Salutation (The Hail Mary) by which the great mystery of redemption was announced to the world." Dominic thereupon roused all the faithful to the use of the Rosary, and thereby successfully combated this pestilential heresy of the Albigensians.

The Christians, led by Don Juan of Austria, smashed a vastly superior force of Turks in October, 1571, because their victorious fleet was supported by the prayers of thousands calling upon Mary with the Rosary in their hands.

Adoration.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament began this morning at 7:30. It will be concluded each week day (except Saturdays) with Rosary and Benediction at 5:00 P.M. in The Lady Chapel in Sacred Heart Church. Benediction on Saturdays will be at 10:30, because of the early noon meal.

At Adoration, Mass and Communion, Night and Morning Prayers, pray for this general intention: Keep the United States out of war, and give a lasting, just peace to Europe.

Merry Christmas!

A colored minister looked over his large congregation on Easter Sunday.

"Ah realize," he said, "that there are many heah who will not be with us again till next Easter. Ah takes this opportunity to wish them a Merry Christmas."

That could have been said to some of you on the last day of the Mission. Are you going to let your natural tendency toward laziness and discouragement keep you down? How long?

Where is Your Guardian Angel?

Tomorrow is the Feast of Guardian Angels. Despite the Church's teaching, there is a tendency to feel that, as we grow up, we out-grow our Guardian Angel. We seem to leave him behind in grammar school or at our Mother's knee.

It is the very definite teaching, however, of the Church's theologians, supported by reason and the Sacred Scriptures, that each man is accompanied throughout life by a Guardian Angel. This angelic protector shields him from the assaults of demons, and even sometimes from temporal evils; suggests good thoughts (just as the devil suggests the reverse); and offers the man's prayers and good works to God; then after great aid in the last hour of life, finally conducts him to Judgment.

Honor your Guardian Angel tomorrow and throughout the year on every Tuesday, the day designated by the Church for special honor to him. Make him a powerful friend, not just a childhood companion.

PRAYERS: (deceased) father of Phil Loes (Brownson); grandfather of M. Fitzsimmons (faculty); friend of Jim O'Rourke (Zahm), Ill, Emmet Griffin (Dil.); Friend of Bill (Al.) and Ed (Dil.) Buenger; father of W. Romito (Bro.). Three special intentions.