

Rockne Spiritual Bouquet will be collected Thursday night in the halls.

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On The "Annunciation"  
"Thereupon His Majesty announced to all the other angels that the time of the Redemption had come and that he had commanded it to be brought to the world without delay; for already, in their own presence, the most holy Mary had been prepared and adorned to be his Mother, and had been exalted to the supreme dignity. The heavenly spirits heard the voice of their Creator, and with great joy and thanksgiving for the fulfillment of His eternal and perfect will..."

"The supernal prince Gabriel, obeying with singular delight the divine command and accompanied by many thousands of beautiful angels in visible forms, descended from heaven. The appearance of the great prince and legate was that of a most handsome youth; his face emitted resplendent rays of light, his bearing was grave and majestic...and more of godlike qualities than all the other angels until then seen in visible form by the heavenly Mistress. He wore a diadem of exquisite splendor, and his vestments glowed in various colors of refulgent beauty. On his breast he bore a most beautiful cross, disclosing the mystery of the Incarnation which he had come to announce...This celestial army with their princely leader, holy Gabriel, directed their flight to Nazareth, a town of the province of Galilee to the dwelling place of the most holy Mary. This was a humble cottage and her chamber was a narrow room, bare of all those furnishings which are wont to be used by the world in order to hide its own meanness and want of all higher goods. The heavenly Mistress was at this time 14 years, 6 months, and 17 days of age..."

"...The heavenly Queen was well proportioned and taller than is usual with other maidens of her age; yet extremely elegant and perfect. Her face was rather oblong than round, gracious and beautiful, without leanness; its complexion clear, yet of a slightly brownishness; her forehead spacious yet symmetrical; her eyebrows perfectly arched; her eyes large and serious, of incredible beauty and dovelike sweetness, dark in color with a mixture tending toward green; her nose straight and well shaped; her mouth small, with red-colored lips...All the gifts of nature in Her were so symmetrical and beautiful, that no other human being ever had the like. To look on Her caused feelings of love and reverential fear..."

"Her garments were humble and poor, yet clean, of a dark silvery hue, arranged and worn without pretense, but with modesty and propriety. She was engaged in the highest contemplation concerning the mysteries which the Lord had renewed in Her, assuring Her that his Only Begotten Son would soon descend to assume human form..."

"In order that the mystery of the Most High might be fulfilled, the holy archangel Gabriel, accompanied by innumerable angels in visible forms, entered into the chamber where the most holy Mary was praying. It was on a Thursday, at 6 o'clock in the evening. The great modesty and restraint of the Princess of heaven did not permit Her to look at him more than was necessary to recognize him as an angel of the Lord...She in her usual humility wished to do him reverence. The holy Prince would not allow it; on the contrary he himself bowed profoundly as before his Queen and Mistress, in whom he adored the heavenly mysteries of His Creator. At the same time he understood...that as human nature was raised to the dignity of God himself in the person of the Word, men now held the position of adopted children, of companions and brethren of the angels..."

----- From The Mystical City of God, by:

Mary of Agreda

Prayers--Deceased: friend of Tom Bennett of Howard; grandmother of Jack McMahon of Dillon; James B. Devers (Alumnus, '35). Ill: Steve Wozniak, '28; friend of Craig Hewett, '46; mother of Lowell Hagan, '33; Joe Kesting, '46.

Tonight : Lenten Devotion at 6:45.