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**Cardinal Rigali Message
Angels**

Announcer: And now a message from Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Dear Friends,

Throughout our Christian development, we read and are taught about the presence of angels in our daily lives, particularly our Guardian Angel. But have you ever wondered, as children often do, What is an angel?

Angels are heavenly spirits created by God as ministers of His will for the ultimate benefit of mankind. God bestowed upon the angels great wisdom, freedom and power. Their many appearances in the New Testament define the roles He assigned to them. The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that angels are purely spiritual, invisible, immortal and personal beings endowed with intelligence and will. They ceaselessly contemplate God face-to-face and glorify Him in the accomplishment of His saving mission to all.

I encourage you to invoke the assistance of God's messengers through prayer and join with the angels in adoring Him.

May God bless you all.

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