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## Cardinal Rigali Message Heaven

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

Dear Friends,

As Christians surrounded by tangible things in our lives, sometimes we struggle to fully understand the meaning of Heaven. The Holy Bible contains numerous references to Heaven as the dwelling place of God, as the abode of the angels and the eternal resting place of the just in the next life.

*The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that Heaven is the state of supreme and definitive happiness. It tells us that those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints, thus forming the Church of Heaven. It is here where they see God “face to face” and live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity.

I encourage you to prepare daily to fulfill God’s plan for us, that we might one day join Him in eternal happiness after death.

May God bless you all.

*(Source material: The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 209)*

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