

FROM THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Study Lesson Number 9

ANGELS (continued from last week)

THE BAD ANGELS

What happened to the angels who did not remain faithful to God?

The angels who did not remain faithful to God were cast into hell, and these are called bad angels, or devils.

What is the chief way which the bad angels try to harm us?

The chief way in which the bad angels try to harm us is by tempting us to sin.

The devil even tried to get Our Blessed Lord to sin. He never succeeded. (Read St. Matthes Chapter 4 - 1-11 and St. Luke Chapter 4 - 1-13).

Do all temptations come from the bad angels?

Some temptations come from the bad angels; but other temptations come from ourselves and from the persons and things about us.

Can we always resist temptations?

We can always resist temptations, because no temptation can force us into sin, and because God will always help us if we ask Him.

Discussion Questions:

If an angel is a spirit and God is a spirit, what is the difference between God and an angel?

Are angels wiser than man?

Name the good angels.

Is Satan red, ugly, belching fire and carrying a pitchfork? If yes, why? If no, why?

Are bad thoughts sins or temptations?

Our Guardian Angels leave us in time of temptation.

Is it a sin to be tempted?

Some of the angels refused to serve God. What were they trying to accomplish?

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THE EXAMPLE OF A GOOD AND HOLY AND PRAYERFUL WAY OF LIFE, BEING OBSERVED BY GOOD AND HOLY AND PRAYERFUL RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN IS NO LONGER TO BE SEEN, AND THE INSPIRING CATHOLIC IDENTITY HAS BEEN LOST TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. YOUNG PEOPLE SIMPLY DO NOT COMPREHEND A CATHOLIC WAY OF LIFE. IS IT ANY WONDER, THEN, THAT OUR CATHOLIC YOUTH HAS LOST ITS SENSE OF VALUES AND FINDS IT POSSIBLE TO RESORT TO SUICIDE AS A WAY OF ESCAPE. CHECK OUT HOW MANY OF THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE RECENTLY COMMITTED SUICIDE WERE CATHOLIC!!