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“Dear Children,

In this chapel now, there are a certain number of boys and girls. For every boy and for every girl, there is one angel. That's a small angel. Course, he's bigger than I am! He almost touches the ceiling. But he's a baby angel. You see, there's another world. It is all around us. We don't see it, but it's real. There's another world and that's ahead of us, that we're going to. When your grandmother and grandfather die, you'll be upset and you'll cry. But they're going to another life. They're going to a better life. They are going to heaven. They're going to God if they die in the state of Sanctifying Grace. That's where they'll find out that the angel is small, because there are Archangels and they're more important. But there are others in heaven besides, who are called Dominations, Powers, Principalities; who are called Virtues and Thrones and Cherubim and Seraphim. They're all angels, though, but they're different. Just like the cat in your house is different from the panther. The panther belongs to the cat family and the panther as big as he is, is small compared to a tiger. Tigers belong to the cat family. You know the difference about having a tiger in your house or a lion or having a little cat.

The Angels belong to the Angel family, but so do the Archangels, so do the Cherubim and Seraphim. They're strong.

Now children, here in the chapel, there's an angel for every boy and girl. Saints who have seen angels, will tell you that angels are large in size. They are wonderfully beautiful and they are wonderfully powerful. They do have wings when they appear to human beings. When you are in the presence of an angel, you are not able to speak, because he has so much power and majesty and while you love him, at the same time you are frightened. He is so big and strong and wonderfully powerful and he looks and is, so holy. Now children, smart people called 'grown-ups', with no proof, will tell you, 'there are no angels.' Then they tell you, if there were angels, they would not have wings. Children, the angels really don't have wings, but when they appear before a human being, so human beings can see them, they always have wings.

If we need the angels, they can move all around us. Our angel can see above us, behind us and in front of us and he can move fast. He protects us all the time. If I had a boy get up and walk along here and get a chalk, he would fall, unless he caught his balance and he'd say, 'Oops, I almost fell.' You don't always fall, children. Every time you catch your balance, it's an angel that is helping you. Many times the angels let you fall, so that you will cut your hands and knees, because that's how you learn, that you cannot run fast on the sidewalk, unless the sidewalk is clear. But if there are many things on the sidewalk, like leaves, fallen branches, and a piece of broken cement, you should not be running. If you do, you will trip and fall.

So the angels let you fall sometimes, but many times, when you think that you have caught your balance, it's the angel who has caught you. But the angels, children, will want to save you from hurting yourself. They above all, save you from sin. Many times, you were in great danger and you did not know it, but the angel knew and he kept you from great danger to your soul. He did not let the devil hurt you.

Who is the devil? He is an angel. He is a bad angel. He is so bad, that as good as you are, child, he hates you. He would shove you so hard every chance he had, that you would do more than cut your hands and knees. He would shove you so hard that you would break the bones in your hands and arms and face and legs. That's how much he hates little children, because he hates adults. He hates everybody. Why? Because he was supposed to be in heaven with God. But he was so proud, that when he came to that moment when he was supposed to kneel and say, 'My Lord and my God,' he said, 'Not me! I'm God!' He would not admit there was a God Who had made him and Who loved him. He would not admit that there was any God above him. He said, 'I will not serve!' Once an angel makes up his mind, he's not like you, he can never change his mind. He never changes and forever and forever, he hates God.

Who are you? You are the children of God. Well, he hates God and he hates you, children. If you are children of God, then you have a home some place besides here, that's in heaven! Your Heavenly Father is waiting for you to come home from this world. He has a place for you in a mansion in heaven. The angel was supposed to be there, called the demon, the devil, Satan. He's never going to be there, because he refused to love God. He is hating God forever. He will never be there, but you are going to be there. Unless he can stop you. So the devil, children, is near you every day. Right behind you, right in front of you, above you, beneath you. Children, do not commit any sin; but always remember the presence of your Guardian Angel.

Now you children are very lucky, to be talking to your angel. At the end of every day, you should say, 'I thank you angel.' Every time you get up in the morning and you feel real good, you should say, 'I thank you angel, for making me feel good.' Every time you get something to eat that you really like, say, 'Thank you angel.' Thank him for everything that you have, because some of the things he gives you, most of the things, come directly from God. He will take those thanks to God. He will repeat to God the very words and he will sound just like you. More than that, he will say, 'Thank God' also. So there will be two thanks, your thanks and his thanks.

Now the angels, children, are beautiful. The angels dress in a very beautiful way. Some are in green and some are in blue, some are in orange, some are in gold. If you saw an angel, you would love him so much that you would never forget having seen your angel. If you saw your angel when you were but four years old, when you were one hundred years old, you would still remember the angel. He is so beautiful. He is so holy. You would love him so much. But you understand, children, that if you ever saw the devil, you would be so frightened that you would never recover? You would soon be sick from fear, even fifteen years later, every time you remembered seeing him. Well, that's what he wants to do. He wants to make you, little boys and girls, who are good to God, he wants to make you so dreadful to see. He wants you to be so dreadful that you will frighten adults, if they could see your soul. How does that happen? He teaches you sin.

I was talking to the older children the other day, and I told them, the devil is a very good teacher. He's the best in the whole world, because when he teaches you how to sin, he only teaches it once and they never forget the lesson. They always remember. Each time they commit the sin, they do it more easily than they did the last time. He's a marvelous teacher. If someone were to teach you how to swim, you would have more than one lesson. You would have to practice many times. If someone were to teach you

how to start a lawnmower, they would have to explain it more than once, if you had never seen a lawnmower run. If you were going to get into an automobile and learn how to drive, someone would have to explain over and over and over again and you would have to practice. Not with the devil; you don't need practice. When he teaches you once, you do it real good. You tell the lies every time. You cheat in school. You punch someone because you feel mean. You steal because there's no one around to catch you. The first time you commit a sin, child, that's the devil who's been helping you. You don't need any more lessons. You will do it the next time, just as good, only a little bit better. It will be easier to do. Children, that is what makes your soul dreadful to see.....**sin!**

You with the little babies with your mothers at home; they never commit any sin, but once in awhile, they're naughty. But they're just babies. They don't know any better. Sometimes they fuss; sometimes they scream with bad temper and that's wrong. They need a good slap on their hand for doing that, because that's wrong, but, what they do is wrong, but they themselves are not committing a sin. But you, when you do something wrong, you're old enough to know better and you commit a sin. Who is it that wants you to commit the sin? It's not God! It's not the Blessed Virgin Mary! It's not the good angel.! The good angel is sent there by God to guard you, that's why we call him the Guardian Angel. He guards you. He's saving your soul each day. So many times he tells you not to do something and you listen to him and you obey. Now you never hear him with your ears, but every time a thought comes into your mind, 'I'd better not do it.' Any time a thought comes into your mind that is good, it's from the angel. God gives you grace. Each time it's a grace through our Blessed Lady. Our Blessed Lady gives the grace to the angel and the angel gives it to you and says, 'Don't do it!' The angel protects you, day after day, all night, every day, and.....protects you from sin, children.

What are the kinds of sin the devil wants you to get ready for? He wants you to get ready for the most terrible sin in the whole world, and that is the sin of giving up on God.... 'I quit, I'll never talk to Him again. 'I'll never think about Him again and I'll never say any prayers again.' Do children do it? They do it every day. They're older than you. That's the sin you're getting ready for children, every time you talk back to your mother. Every time you lie to your mother and say, 'Oh, yes, I did,' when she asks you if you did a job and you don't do it. This is the devil getting you ready for the very big sin.

Now, children, ask the angel when you get up in the morning, to take care of you. Tell the angel, 'I'm going to school, but I'm leaving my mother behind. Take care of her until I get back, and my father's going to work, take care of him until he comes back and the other children who are going to school, take care of them and bring them home safely at the end of the day. I'm going, take care of me, and bring me home safe from school.

Now, children, when you are talking to your angel, talk to him on your knees and fold your hands and pray a prayer. If you do not know the prayer to the angel, get a prayer book. You're old enough now to read and look for the prayer to the Angel Guardian. If you do not know it, learn. Pray it every day now. Pray it in the morning, and pray it a night. Pray it during the day. If you're going to have a test at school, right away pray, 'Angel, help me!' Right away pray, 'Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day, be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide.'

Do you know what 'to light' means? It means to put the thoughts into your mind that should be there. So you are to do your homework, but you feel tired, or there's

something that you would rather do, or you want to go out and play, but you do know you should do your homework. Ask your angel to help you to get it done quickly and get it done well, and to help you when you have work to do. If somebody is sick at home, ask your angel to take care of them. If your mother must go with the baby to the doctor, ask your angel to go with them, to take care of her and the mother to take care of the baby.

Now, the angel remember, is a good angel. Or the angel is a bad angel. The bad angels are called devils, children. The devils are in your house with the good angels. That is why the good angel is with you all day and all night and never leaves you, because of the devil. Who are the others? The devils are the bad angels who would not serve God and who hate you and who want to take you to hell, when your life is all over. They want to make you the unhappiest children right now.

There was once a young woman. She lived sixteen hundred years ago, children, when the Church was very young and the world was filled with very evil men. This young woman and her young husband, were taken before the Roman soldiers, by other soldiers. The officer in charge, asked that woman and that man to deny Jesus Christ; to say they wanted nothing more to do with Him and would never serve Him again. They would not do that, because the angel helped them to be that brave. So they took that woman and her husband before the judge and the judge said, 'I want you to deny Jesus. You are to never pray to Him again. You are to never go to His Church again and you are to never serve Him again. You are to deny Him now, or you will die and he will die. She was a very young woman, children, and they beat her and they beat her **terribly**. They were men and they beat her very hard. Then they did terrible things to make her have pain. Finally, they hit her with an ax and took off her head They threw her body into the river and her head. The adults that lived there in that village, knew she must be a saint, to suffer so much for love of Jesus. They ran down the river, far down from the village, where the Roman soldiers could not see them and took her body and head out of the river. They attached her head to her body.

That was 1600 years ago, and children, here she is today. You cannot see because this picture is too small, but you can see where the head is attached to the body, there's this horrible slash to the neck. Her name is St. Maximina. Two years ago, on May fourth, which was her feast day, her hands bled. She bled from her neck. As she bled at her hands, the pool of blood never became larger, but the blood kept moving, moving, moving, but it never got larger. The blood on the neck; if I cut my neck now, the blood would run down, but the blood ran up. As it ran up, it went nowhere, it just stayed there, it went up, stayed there and went nowhere. That went on for weeks and last year, again.

Why had she not bled for 1600 years and is now bleeding? Because, little boys and girls like you are going to be asked the same questions. You will be older than you are now, but not much older. As a young boy or girl, you will be asked to have nothing to do with Jesus. God is teaching everybody in the world, men and women, boys and girls, you must never leave Jesus! You must be ready to die. Remember, they may do terrible things, but you must be ready to die, because you, in leaving this world, will be going **home**, to heaven, where God the Father is waiting for you.

Remember the day of your first Holy Communion? Think of how the love of Jesus has been waiting to come to you. Since the day you were born, children, He waited and waited. You weren't waiting that long. Don't you remember when your mother used to take you by the hand and went to Holy Communion, or your father, and you had to kneel

with them and you couldn't receive Holy Communion? Then your mother and father said, 'Well, you're going to go to Holy Communion next year and we're going to start preparing you. We will start to learn the catechism and learn more prayers than you already know. Then one day, you went to Holy Communion. Think of how long Jesus had waited to come to you. Well, now, children, He is still waiting for you to come to Him. That's the day you die. If you have to, children, if you have to suffer, in the days to come, that means two more years, four more years, if you have to suffer for Jesus, don't be afraid because the angel is there. The angel will help you to be good to Jesus. He will help you love Him, even while the devil is hurting you. Even while the devil is hating you terribly. The angel will be there. They may hurt you and they may beat you. They may say they are going to beat you terribly and you will be afraid and even while it hurts you, the angel will help you to still love Jesus.

Now children, that's how much the devil hates you. He will have big people do terrible things to you. But do you know what the most terrible thing in the world is? It's not my punching this little boy in the face. That would just hurt him. The most terrible thing in the world is for me to teach him how to sin. The most terrible thing in the world after teaching him how to sin is to put the wrong knowledge into his poor little head. To teach him error.

Now, that's what grown-ups are doing today, children. You're very lucky to go to this school, because it isn't happening to you, but it's happening to other children in other cities. It's happening all over the country. The children are being taught, 'Don't listen to your mother and father. You don't have to tell them anything. Don't trust them.' I bet if I told you that, day after day and said that your mother and father are not to be talked to; they're not to be trusted, you would believe it. They are not so devious, they don't send you playing with bad companions.

Now if adults tell you that over and over again, children, in the classroom and on television, it's easy to believe that. Because, adults taught you how to swim and sure enough, that's the way to swim. They tell you how to run a lawnmower, and sure enough, that's the way to run a lawnmower. They tell you how to start an automobile engine and sure enough, that's the way to do it. Well, then, when they tell you something else that's evil, and you don't know it, well, you believe them, don't you? You believed them before. Well, that's what the devil does to little children. He uses human beings and other bad angels to teach the children to sin.

God gave you Guardian Angels, children. Get accustomed to the idea, 'I'm never alone.' Do you remember the catechism when you were getting ready for First Holy Communion..... 'Who made me? God made me. Why did God make me? To know Him and to love Him and to serve Him in this world and then make me happy with Him forever in the next.' But what else did the catechism say? The catechism says, 'Where is God?' and the answer is, 'God is everywhere.' He's here. Even while He's here, He's at the house. Even while He's at the house, He's with your father while he's working. Even while He's with your father while he's working, He's with your big brother who's out playing baseball right now. Where is God? He's everywhere. Can God know everything? God knows all my thoughts. He sees all of my actions. God knows everything, but children, would you commit a sin in front of your mother and father? Then, would you commit a sin when God sees you do everything?

Children, when I was ten years old, there was a boy in the eighth grade, a very smart boy. His mother and father had come from Italy, but he was born in America. He was an only boy and he was their only child. They had no other children, except Johnny. And Johnny's mother and father were crazy about that boy. During the departure from his country, people did not have money, so the children had very few gifts. He was the only boy in the whole school that had a bicycle. He was a very good boy and very generous. He was also very popular. He was only twelve and he was in the eighth grade. He never seemed to study, but he had the highest marks. He had a wonderful way about him and the children were crazy about him, in the lower grades. I was one of those children. Because he had a bike and because he was a very generous boy, he would let anybody ride the bike that wanted to learn how to ride the bike, who was in the eighth grade. He wouldn't let the younger children. One of his friends was learning how to ride the bike and that friend had a newspaper route and when school was over, the friend got on the bicycle and Johnny got on the handle bars and they went down the hill, lickety-split. They went shooting across the street, parked the bike and picked up all the newspapers and then Johnny would pedal home and the young fellow would take his newspapers and deliver them. Johnny was killed on the bicycle, by an automobile, because the boy was coming down the hill and he didn't know what to do about the brakes at that kind of high speed. The bike began to slither, so he took his feet off the brakes and they went right on into the traffic. That was a long time ago. Let's see how long ago it was. The boy was only twelve and I was in the sixth grade.

Then when I graduated from high school, on the day that we graduated, one of the fellows, a nice fellow, said it was so blamed hot, which it was, we were melting in those gowns we had to wear for graduation. It was so hot that he was going swimming. When he got to the lake to go swimming, there was a boat and he got into the boat. Now he didn't swim, but he did wade out, and walked around,. He couldn't swim, but he went out in the boat. He never came back. He was in the bottom of the lake that night. They looked and looked and they found him the next morning. That's when I was in high school.

I'm telling you this, children, because you might be in the fourth grade, or you might be out of grammar school, but you understand that, as young as you are, you can leave your mother and father forever. You can die. Now grown-ups don't talk to little children like this, but you need to know, children, how many days are left to love Jesus? There are just a certain number of days or months or years, or many years, or maybe you will be ninety-nine when you die. See, little children think that they're going to live and live and they're going to grow up and they're going to have a big family and someday they're going to be grandparents and there's going to be little children that love them. But you may not see the summer vacation, children. So why don't you love Jesus today? See, little children don't worry about loving Jesus today, they know that they love Him, but they don't give Him much time today, do they? Because there's so much to do today; there's so much fun and there's so many things that you have to do around the house. When you get older, you'll spend more time, like your mother and father do, praying prayers. In the meantime, when you used to pray the family Rosary at night, you don't mind, but you sure are glad when it's over. When you get a little bit older, you will understand. Someday I may never pray the Rosary again, because I will have died. So while I am praying the Rosary today, I surely am going to pray it well.

Now, you children come from homes where you have been told all about the world. You have been warned about bad companions. You have been warned about classmates. 'I don't want you to ever play with that boy!' 'No, you're never to go to school, now, walking down the street with her, never.' You have been told that your girlfriends, or your classmates are not suitable. You might be in third grade and there may be a girl that you are crazy about, and at school, you jump rope and play hopscotch and have lots of fun at recess. You two girls every single day, just love to walk home from school, taking a long time and just talking and your mother says, 'I don't want you to play with that girl anymore.'

You have been warned about your companions. You have been told. Now every time that you go with Walter, every single time that you do, you get in trouble. Walter is heading for the police. When he gets a little bit older, he is going to be arrested and you are not going to be allowed to play with Walter after school anymore. Now you have been warned and you have been told reasons why you can't play with certain companions and you have been told that there are many books that you are never to look at. You have been told that you cannot turn on the TV and just sit there and watch it. There are only certain programs that you might watch. You have been told by your parents the TV is no good. You have been warned against teachers in school. You have been warned about terrible lies that can be found even in catechisms.

You children are different from other children, because you have parents who are trying to protect you from the most terrible sin in the world. That's the sin of abandoning Jesus forever. You're little boys and girls and you don't think it could happen, but do you know that in another five years, you might do it? You'll be old enough then, to be in mortal sin all the time. No one wants to be in mortal sin. If the devil has his way, your mortal sins will put out your fire of faith, like water puts out fire and that's what he's working for.

The devil wants to do two things, children. He really exists. Not only Catholics believe that, but very evil people who worship the devil believe that. They say prayers to him, **terrible** prayers. They do terrible things to honor him. They even kneel down. They even offer him sacrifice. Oh, lots of people believe in the devil, who are not Catholic. Who are not Christians. Who hate God.

Little children, the devil is after you and God is after you. So far, God's having His way. So far, He is able to get from you, love, and prayer, and good conduct and you're growing up to be a very promising child of God. The devil's not about to let you go, just because God has a hold on you. The devil is holding onto the flowers in your hair. He's holding onto the hem of your dress. You can't shake loose, he's always there. Oh, God holds you firmly by the hand, but the devil thinks if he can stay around long enough, you will let go of God's hand. That's what he's working for and he'll do it because he's Satan.

Every boy and girl in this room, is a prize that the devil is after. But there's some boys and girls that are more precious. For example, if you're very hungry, I can give you a bologna sandwich and you'll be very glad to have it, if you're very hungry. It's valuable, because you're hungry. But I could also give you a \$15,000 diamond ring and that's more valuable, isn't it? That's how the devil looks at you. He sees other children and they're just bologna sandwiches, but you, you are a \$15,000 jewel. He wants you very badly. He's m e a n, craving souls. He will assign two or three devils to get you. If

one can't do the job. If, at the age of seven, he hasn't been able to do anything with you, he'll try harder. At the age of ten, if he doesn't have a good hold on you, well, he'll send a legion! He'll send 20,000 demons. Shows that he wants you. He's going to gang up on you. So, you haven't got a chance, without God. This is what happens to the boys and girls, who are older than yourselves, pass into high school and pass into a life of mortal sin and lose God and lose Him forever.

This country is filled with high school students who no longer believe in God. If you don't believe in God, children, then you have to see, what is the final result? The devil has two things that he wants to do with children; that he wants to do with adults; two things. He wants to put hell in human beings. He wants to make you so unhappy that you can't bear to live another day. He wants you to go crazy with unhappiness. He wants you to kill yourself because you can't bear to be so unhappy. He wants you to take drugs to destroy your brain. They can't bear to be so unhappy. He wants you to be impure, so that you hate yourself so much, that you will take your life, or take drugs, or go insane. He wants to put hell in you now, so that later on, he can put you in hell. Do you understand that children? He's mean. He's cruel. He's terribly cruel. He's unbelievably cruel. He wants to feed on you in hell forever. He wants to burn you forever in hell. Why? Because he was supposed to be in heaven, but he lost it, on purpose, through his own fault. He lost it forever. You're going to have it. Oh, he doesn't want that!

Why are you going to have it? Because God made you. He is your heavenly Father and He wants you in heaven and you are a child of God. You belong to God. He owns you! He gave you all of your life. He gave you your mother and father, your brother and sister. He gave you your eyes. God made the decision what would be the color of your hair. God made the decision that you would be so many inches tall and weigh so many pounds when you are eight years old. God decided it all before He made the world. God decided that you would have a ponytail and God decided that you would have blue jeans on the twelfth of April, on the twenty-ninth of March, that had a hole in the side pocket.

Everything in the world, except sin, was planned by God, children, everything. God made all the plans. He made the plan that it would rain on Valentine's Day. He made the plan that the temperature would be 92 on Memorial Day. God planned the whole world and everything in it, except sin. The devil knows that He has another plan, and that plan is, after you have loved God and served God in this world, then there's heaven. Heaven is ahead. God wants you forever in heaven.

What is heaven? Heaven is a place. Heaven is the place where I will see God face to face. What is heaven? Heaven is life with God. I'm going to live with God and I'm going to love God and He's going to love me in turn. I'm going to be with Him forever, discovering Him. I'll never get to know Him, there's so much to know. I'll never get to love Him the way that I should, because He is infinitely lovable. There's no limit.

God has a place for me in heaven already. He made me and the day I was born, I was a prince; if I'm a boy. I was a princess; if I'm a girl. There's a schedule, to arrive in heaven, on the day that I die. This schedule.....God knows the day I'm going to die. He has it arranged that I'm going home. After a time here on earth of seven years, or twelve years, or eighty-two years, I'm going home. I can't stop the motion - going home, that's living. Every day of my life, I have to eat. I drink. Every day of my life, I grow up a little bit more. Every day of my life, I get a little bit older. Every day of my life, I get closer to the day that I am supposed to arrive in the Kingdom of Heaven and go before

Christ the King as a Princess or a Prince, in the court of Heaven. That's why I was made. I wasn't made for this world. I wasn't made to be a student. I wasn't made to be the sister of my brother, Walter. I wasn't made to be the brother of my sister, Marie. I wasn't made to be the only child, or the eleventh child of a family. I was made for God and I was made by God and I was made for heaven. I was made for living and loving with God forever. That's why I was made. I am scheduled to go to Him. I am scheduled to go as a Princess to the Court of Heaven, or a Prince. I'm not going to be a girl there, or a boy. I'm not going to be a lady or a man. I'm going to be a Princess, because Jesus Christ the King and the Queen of Angels and Saints, live there in heaven, waiting for me.

God wants you badly. God wants you so badly, He even died to make sure He could have you. He died so that He could open the gates of heaven for me. But He did more than that, He died so that one day, I might be a saint. He died that terrible death so that even if I became a sinner, I could still go to heaven. Think of all that God did for me. Look at how He suffered and died to prove that there's nothing He wouldn't do for me. So, I can ask. I can ask Him to forgive me my sins. Look at what He did for me and I never asked Him. They beat Him terribly. They put the crown of thorns on His head and they beat the thorns in. After they beat Our Blessed Savior so terribly, then they tore off the clothing and ripped the wounds open again and the pain was dreadful. Remember, He had carried the weight of the cross on His back. The cross pressed against the wounds and wore them open and ripped them open. They made Him lie down and those cruel men, smashed nails into Him. They then hung Him from the nails for hours. Now, that's what Jesus did to prove to me there's nothing He won't do for me. There's nothing He won't do to save me. He couldn't do more than that, could He? He was tortured to death, children, to prove that I can ask Him anything. If it's for His glory and the good of my soul, He'll always give it to me.

Jesus says, 'If your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow.' So, children, if it's your misfortune to grow up and commit mortal sin, the first thing you do is, go to confession and your sins are forgiven. The instant that dreadful mortal sinner receives the absolution of the priest; the same instant that the mortal sin goes, you become a tabernacle. There are three Divine Persons in your soul and you're clean and pure and holy and pleasing to God and if you die, you're going to heaven.

You see, children, the day you were baptized, original sin was taken from your soul. The day you were baptized, you became a child of God and an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. You became a member of the Church. You became a part of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ. But, what the devil is interested in, is the fact that you are an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. That's what an heir is. You've got a mansion ahead of you. It's being left to you by God. It's called heaven. There are many rooms in that mansion in heaven, and it's yours. The devil wants you to never go, because he was supposed to be there. He was supposed to be the first Prince in the whole court. The first....higher than all of the angels and all of the saints. He lost it all and he went to hell and he's going to be there forever. He wants to make sure there are very few Princes and very few Princesses in the court of Heaven. He wants to make sure that hell is crowded. What was his temptation, children? He wanted to be God. He refused to admit that He was created. He refused to admit that there is a God above Who had made him. He knew how precious he was. He knew how wonderful he was. He knew the power he had and he looked at himself and he could not take his eyes away from himself and he said, 'I'll

not serve. I'll not submit. I'll not acknowledge there is a God.' That was the temptation to be God.

So, in hell, what does he do? He plays in the fire like a monkey does. A monkey who thinks he's a human being. The devil began to play the part of God. The devil tries to imitate Him. Does God have Princes and Princesses in the court of Heaven? Do the Guardian Angels stay with you all day to make sure you go to heaven? Well, he'll assign the devils to see to it that you do not go to heaven. So he works for the day when he will have you.

Now, children, that's his purpose. To take you out of this world, unprepared. Now, he does not know when you will die. He does not know how you will die, but this he does know, you're going to die. Though you may not ride on the handlebars of a bicycle like Johnny did, and you may not be found the next day on the bottom of a lake, like that poor boy was found. You may be eighty-two years old when you die, but in the meantime, until you die, the devil has a very busy schedule for himself. He is going to teach you how to sin. Like I told you, he's a marvelous teacher. He's the best teacher in the whole world among evil teachers. The very best, because once he teaches you mortal sin, he never has to teach you again. You learn so well, that you practice the sin thereafter more easily and more perfectly all the time. You become a better liar after you've told that first lie.

Now, that evil teacher doesn't want you to know that he's around. The devil doesn't advertise his presence. You don't see him and you don't hear him, but time and time again, he sneaks up on you and there it is....I committed a sin again. How many times have you had a bad temper? Been mad at your mother, because she wouldn't let you do something? How many times have you been so disrespectful, that you dare go to your room, slam the door, turn around and know your father can't see you and stick out your tongue? That's not just the temper, children. That means that you have listened to someone who put the idea in your head. That's the devil. He's a good teacher. You don't have to hear him. You don't have to see him, but you learned your lesson just like that! You don't have to think about it at all. You were on your way to your room and you didn't know whether to cry or to keep quiet, because you were so mad you wouldn't even know how mad you were. So, you left your mother and father in the kitchen after they said, 'No, you won't go!' You went through your door and at the last instant, it popped in your mind, mad! Oh, so you slammed the door and the next thought that popped in was to stick out your tongue now, they can't see you! Grind your teeth, clench your fists, say, 'Ooooooh!' All those thoughts that came to you, they were from your Guardian Angel, weren't they? Or, they're from the devil, aren't they? Who obeys that good teacher of evil? He's real good. He's a rotten preacher, but he's a good teacher. You learn quickly and you never forget the lesson.

Children, what does he do when you're seven years old and nine years old and eleven years old? He's getting you ready for the **BIG** sin! He's warming you up. He's developing you. You're getting suave. What are the big sins he's after? He's after mortal sins in your life. He wants to teach you impurity. He wants to teach you to be the same, not to be different from other children. You don't mind it all that much, if you're seven or nine and your mother says, 'Now this is how you're to dress.' 'No, you're not going to that movie.' 'No, you're never going to play with Mary Jane again.' 'I don't want you walking to school, or ever to be seen with Walter again.' When you're seven,

eight or nine years old, you don't like it, but it's not all that bad. Oh, but when you get in the seventh grade and the eighth grade, that's another story, isn't it? Then you don't want to be different from other children. You say, 'Everybody plays with Walter, why can't I play with Walter?' You are tempted to talk back to your own mother and father, who were given you by God to be loved and respected and obeyed and revered. This is a real, terrible sin, children, to be disrespectful to your mother and father. To snap and snarl to yourself, when your mother and father do not let you have your way. What does that good teacher of terrible evil do to prepare you for your mortal sins, that he hopes will come to you at a very early age? The Guardian Angel is day by day teaching you goodness and he's teaching you wonderfully well, so the day will never come that you will ever be in mortal sin.

We're interested now with the devil. What's his plan? His plan, remember, I told you, is to put hell inside you here on earth, so that one day he can put you in hell. He wants to teach you so much evil, that you will hate yourself so much and be so discouraged, that you will stop asking God's pardon. You will stop asking for mercy and you will quit on God! Then, you will have to escape from yourself. You will take drugs, or you will go insane, or you will commit suicide. That's what he wants to do to little children. He wants to get them ready for the year when they're fourteen, sixteen, eighteen and twenty, so that mortal sin is a way of life. The way of life that you have now, is that you rise in the morning, you say your prayers, you have breakfast, and after you've washed and dressed, you're off to school. You do it every day, except Saturday and Sunday. That's a way of life. The devil wants to have mortal sin in your life as a way of life. He wants you to have it. He wants you to have it every single day.

I told you he wants to put hell in you; suffering. He wants to take away all your happiness. He wants you to wither up. He doesn't want you to grow and blossom, he wants you to wither up; dry up. He wants you to be sour. He wants you to be bitter. He wants you to have no use for your mother and father. He wants you to hate adults. He wants you to trust nobody, who's not in school with you. He wants you to be terribly curious about sin and filthiness. He wants to teach you that the risk, the thrill of the risk, that's how you're really happy. He wants to teach you to ride your motorcycle at top speed with no headlights; just for the thrill of it. He wants to teach you how to ride your motorcycle at top speed without a helmet or face-mask; just for the thrill of it, as you go through bumpy fields. He wants to teach you to ride in an automobile; four, five children at one time, with one boy holding his hands over the eyes of the driver, to see who will be the first child to pull away his hand, so the driver can see. It's all fun and it's all thrills, it's exciting, and that's how you're happy in this world. That's what the devil teaches us. You know what he's really doing, don't you, children? He's getting you ready for the accident that's going to bring you to hell. He's trying to see to it that something happens so that you will die, because he can't kill you. He can't take you out of this world.

Before God made the world, God decided what the schedule was for your arrival on the day of judgment. Now remember the fact that you're here, means there's a schedule. The fact that you're no longer a baby in your mother's arms means that you're moving. You're growing up and you're getting nearer to the day when Jesus Christ will be your judge and the devil knows that. So the devil is trying to teach you happiness and thrills. Happiness is living dangerously. Happiness is doing what the rest are doing. Happiness is **not** being different.

There's an awful lot of people that don't want to take drugs and they don't. They haven't in the past and they do it tomorrow.....why? They are just no longer able to be different from the gang. And so, they're going to go along, because they don't want anyone poking fun at them, laughing at them, ridiculing them. They don't want any fellow bigger than themselves punching them around. So, they're going to give in and they're going to try pills, maybe even try needles, because they do know, 'Oh, well, after all there must be something to it all, these children are just going crazy about drugs. You understand the danger to drugs, you understand that once you get hooked, you can't get free, but after all there must be something thrilling about it.

The devil is a good teacher and the devil is a liar and he never tells the truth. He's got a big plan and the plan is to put hell into you now, right now, so that he can get you ready for hell forever, by having your flame of faith go out. He wants to quench it with the water of mortal sin.

There are boys and girls in high school; you know who they are, they dress shamefully, they make angels blush. They speak dirty, they think dirty and they act dirty. They make fun of very good girls, or very good boys, who are in the state of grace every day. They have vicious tongues and they know how to wound and they call dreadful names; ridiculous names to make others laugh, at the good girls and the good boys in the class or in the school.

The devil wants company and so do sinners. So the first danger, children, of your life, is a bad companion; bad classmates. You must listen to your mother and father and you must obey them. You must know that there's no one in the whole school who gives a hoot about you, except two or three children, who really like you. You may be popular, but there's only two or three or four children who are your real, true friends, who would do a lot for you. For example: There may be a boy who's your best friend at school; real good chum. He even told a lie to the principal and got punished. He said he was the one who did it. You didn't know that he lied and got punished just to save you from getting punished. That's a real friend! Even though he did wrong, see, he's too young to know it's a sin and should never be committed for the sake of sparing a friend. But that was his mistaken loyalty. He told a lie, he got the punishment and you never knew until a couple of days later that you didn't get punished, because somebody else took your place. What a good boy, you say, what a pal!

But children, all the pals in the world put together, don't even begin to be as good as your brother and your sister. All the brothers and sisters in the world can't begin to love you like your own father and your own mother. There's nobody in the whole world that you can trust like your father and mother. Not your brothers and sisters even. There's nobody in the world as good as your mother and father, for saving you from sin. When they tell you that there are children in school that you can have nothing to do with, they're right and you're wrong.

I told the children yesterday, that if your mother and father tell you something, they're right. Once in a while, they might make a mistake and be wrong, but if they are wrong, children, they made the mistake out of love. But the minute you disobey them, you are wrong and you did not make your mistake out of love. Do you understand that? You made it out of meanness. You made it out of selfishness and you gave the devil a stronger, clutching hold on you. Remember, I said you're young now, and you're in the state of grace and God is holding you by the hand, and you're holding God's hand, but

the devil is holding onto the cuff of your trouser leg and dragging behind you. He's holding onto the hem of your skirt. You're never free from him. He's shifting his grip. He's trying to get closer to you, hold onto you more tightly, and convince you to let go from the hand of God.

The devil has a purpose and he wants you in hell and I told you a little bit about it. But he uses bad companions as his first way to bring you terrible sin. Then he uses television. When your mother and father tell you that you may not turn on the set and just sit there and watch; when they tell you that there are only certain programs that you can see, or (and this is the smart thing) they tell you that you cannot watch television for any reason on any day, then listen to them and never mind that every child in the school is watching a certain program. If they say you cannot see it....you cannot see it!

The devil's first effort against you is to kill you, with your companions. To kill you spiritually. Mortal sin kills. The second instrument he uses is the television. The third instrument that he uses is school. That's right! I'm not talking about this school now. You happen to be in a very fine school. But all over the country, children your age are in bad schools. They have bad teachers and they're being taught bad subjects and they have bad companionship and they learn about sin very early. These little innocent girls and boys who are your age, and even younger, have no happiness. They are never happy. Oh, they have fun! Thrills! Oh, they have pleasure, even if it's sinful, but they are never happy.

For example, children, think of it. While you sit here, your father is coming home from work at noontime to have lunch and he's in an automobile accident and he's killed. Tomorrow morning when you get up, you are going to the funeral parlor in the afternoon and you know that's to see your father for the first time. He won't speak to you now, he's dead. You know he's going to be in the casket. You are so unhappy and cannot stop crying. But you must eat your breakfast, and you're crazy about bacon and eggs. Because your mother knows how upset you are, she's going to have bacon and eggs fixed for you, just the way you like, because she wants to give you a little bit of comfort. Children, while you're eating the bacon and eggs, there are still some tears running down your face. You're not happy, are you? But, oh, those bacon and eggs taste great! Taste yummy! That's pleasure, children. The good food and the good taste, it's pleasant. You could have pleasure while you're unhappy. So you see, pleasure is not happiness, children. And thrills, well, on your way to the funeral parlor, the undertaker says, 'I must stop at a downtown building, because I must go upstairs and get some legal papers from an attorney.' And he says, 'Little boy, would you like to come with me and ride in the elevator?' You ride in the elevator and the elevator goes up fast and your stomach sinks and it stops suddenly and your stomach goes up and you get a thrill. All the time, your tears are running down your face. See, thrills are not happiness, children. You can be very unhappy and have pleasure. You can be very unhappy and have thrills. But see, children, you're hungry for happiness. Only happiness for this world can prepare us to understand what must happiness be like in heaven? You were made to be happy with God forever.

So the devil teaches children in this world: lots of fun, lots of thrills, lots of activity, lots of pleasure, but, for heaven's sakes, don't ever be happy. So he teaches the things that will make you unhappy. He teaches you sin. He teaches you how to hate yourself. He teaches you how to be so disgusted with yourself that you can't bear to be alone. You

see boys and girls who carry transistor radios next to their ear. They never turn it off. They don't want to think for one minute. They don't want to have a thought. They might think about themselves. They might understand, 'I'm beginning to decay! I'm beginning to rot!' The children must be kept busy.....run, run, and run. Never have time. Always, always, be under pressure. The devil teaches that. So he keeps children busy in school. They don't learn much, but they sure do a lot of things. They sure go to a lot of places, but they don't learn much. But they do learn very well, how to sin. They learn disgust for themselves and hatred for themselves. They can't bear to live with themselves, so when the temptations come, for drugs, for stealing (for the sake of the thrill), for a high speed race at night, they go along. The devil is hoping that he's going to catch one of us, someday, in mortal sin and we're going to die like Johnny did on the bicycle at the age of twelve. Only he wants us to die with mortal sin. He's going to use the schools to teach us how to sin. He's going to take us away from God as soon as he can and as quickly as he can, forever. He wants to take us into mortal sin soon, but, he's working for the day when he will take us into mortal sin and we will never come back. In the meantime, the Guardian Angels that I spoke to you about, they're right there and they're waiting for you to give in and stop resisting them. They're waiting to teach you, sanctity.

I told you yesterday, I told you again today, about sanctity. God made you to be a princess in heaven; a prince, in the court of heaven. In the court of heaven, the Queen of Angels and Queen of Saints is waiting for you, God's most Blessed Mother. And in the court of heaven, Christ the King is waiting for you and to be in the court, you must be in the Royal Family, you must be a princess or a prince. God made me that way, but the devil wants to make me so horribly deformed, so stinking with evil, so rotten with sin, that you will begin to putrefy in this world, for a long time, spiritually, before finally he can bury you in the tomb of hell. That's the devil's big plan.

The first thing that he says to the child that wants to be good, is, 'Aren't you sick and tired of being different from the other children?' 'Aren't you sick and tired of putting up with your mother and father, who are so pathetic? So old-fashioned? Who are so out-of-touch? Who are so mean that they won't even let me have fun!' He puts that into your mind. He's a great teacher. Just listen to him once, you won't forget what he said. You might not think about it again, for another ten months, but when it comes back to you, oh, you'll remember!

'Gosh, isn't it awful to have a mother like that?' And you'll say, 'Yeah!' I never thought about it, but all these other children, look at how they dress, look at where they go, look at what they do. My mother says, 'Where are you going? Who are you going with? When are you coming home? Why are you going there? Who's going to be there when you get there? How did you spend that money that I gave you? On whom?' Isn't it awful to have a mother like that? It's the devil talking to you. One day it dawns on you...Hey, all of these children, they've got money in their pocket, they go anywhere they want and they never have this barrage when they come home. Boy, have I got it bad! The devil's a great teacher and he's going to harvest, he hopes, mortal sin.

Children, if anybody in the world, a priest; if anybody in the world, a nun; if anybody in the world, a schoolteacher; if any grown-up, no matter how smart they are; no matter how rich they are; no matter how old they are; no matter how small they are; no matter how famous they are, if anyone tells you, 'Don't trust your mother and father.'

Understand this, that's the devil speaking and using a human being to say the words. You've heard the devil for the first time in your life when you hear that.

When a child hears anybody saying, 'Don't let your folks know about these things.' 'Don't trust your mother and father.' When you hear that, you are hearing a human being speaking the words of the devil. Do you understand that? Never have anything to do with anybody who is trying to take you away from your mother and father. How do they take you away? Not in an automobile. They take you away by bad teaching. Your mothers and fathers are all upset about television, because of all the impurity that is before your eyes. Because of all the killings and beatings and torture that little innocent children see on television to horrify them. But the thing most terrible, children, about television; the thing most terrible about the magazines; and the thing most terrible about the records that you listen to; and the thing most terrible about the movies that you see, is the fact that, you are being taught something that is wrong and it looks to you like truth. You are being tried out. But it's glamorous! And it's interesting! And you never thought about it quite like this before and you don't forget, because after you've seen this program on television and then three months later see another one something like it and in the meantime, in class, hear about it, and then read something and then you hear it on a record and then you hear it again on a record, after awhile, you think it's the truth. And it's the error!

Children, if you commit a mortal sin and you go to confession and the priest forgives you, when you go out, you are a temple of the Holy Ghost. God is in your pure, holy soul and He loves you so much. But if you have been taught error; if you have been taught, 'Don't go to confession. Children your age can't commit sins at all. God really doesn't give two hoots about this world, He doesn't know what's going on, He's not interested.' When you have learned these errors, the day finally comes with, 'I don't have to go to confession, these are not sins!' And the error, children, helps you to lose your faith more rapidly than mortal sin. Never listen to any human being, on television; never listen to anybody, no matter who they are, no matter how famous, no matter how smart they are; never listen, never listen, say right away, 'Angel, help me!' As soon as they start talking to you, pray it over and over again, 'Angel, help me!' As soon as they start telling you, 'Children can't commit sin.' As soon as they tell you, 'Never trust your mother and father.' As soon as they tell you, 'If you don't get caught, it's not a sin.' As soon as they tell you, 'Get out of the house and stay out of the house and never tell them where you've been. Tell them a lie. But never let them know.' As soon as you hear that pray, 'Angel, help me!'

Remember, I started to tell you about the boy who was on a bicycle and he was killed? I was in the sixth grade when he died. Remember? Then I told you about the boy who went on the lake in a boat and the next day, they took him from the bottom of the lake, where he'd been all night. Just think of it, children, suppose those two boys were in mortal sin; they've been with the devil ever since. That's a long time! Remember, he's so cruel and he's so mean. He's absolutely cruel. He's savage, children. Just think if those two boys did not save their soul, they've been in hell, children. Now that's what God wants you to know: That He will die; He will have the thorns pressed into His head; He will have six strong men beat Him with a whip, over and over, taking turns, they will hit Him with all their might. Then they will pound nails into Him and they will let Him hang from the nails and they will spit on Him They will let Him roast in the sun. They

will swear and curse at Him. And Jesus will do it again. He will do it again and again and again. He will die over and over for you, like He does, children, in the holy Sacrifice of the Mass every day. He will do it over and over again, if only He can have you in heaven. If only He can prove to you that there's nothing He won't do to get you to heaven.

Love Jesus very much! Love Him back! Remember, children, if ever a sin comes into your life, why should you be afraid to ask Jesus for mercy? Look what He died from.....He died from torture, to prove that there's nothing He won't do to bring you to the court of heaven. And what will the devil do in the meantime, you say? 'Oh, you rotten bum! Are you going to go back to God and ask for mercy again? You, with all of those terrible sins in your life? You..... you'll go back to God again? The All-Holy God, you..... you filthy thing?' And you decide, 'Oh, what's the use?' You don't go to confession; you don't go next month; you don't go five months from now and you don't go next year. Who's winning the battle, God or the devil? Now children, who's letting God lose? You! Who's letting the devil win? You! Why do you do it? Because time and time and time again, children, you don't listen to the angel, but you do listen to the bad angel. The two of them are with you all the time.

So, children, today, forget everything that I said, if you wish, but remember this, remember, remember, remember: Every day, whenever you need help, pray, 'Angel, help me!' 'Angel, we're going to have a test, help me!' 'Angel, I don't want to do my homework, help me!' 'Angel, I feel bad now, about my mother, I'm being to sulk, help me!' 'Angel, my big brother is always teasing me and I'm just so mad I could spit. Angel, help me!' All day long, pray, 'Angel, help me!' And many times in the day, pray, 'Angel of God, my Guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard to rule and guide.' You all know the prayer. If you don't know it, you're old enough to read. Get a book and learn it. Do not come home and say, 'Ma, teach me how to pray that prayer.' No, you learn it yourself. Learn it well, children, and pray it reverently. Get accustomed to the fact there are two angels in my life and they never leave me alone and one is bad and the other is good. One is a guardian and the other is a damned angel, who is working to damn me. You get all kinds of help from bad companions, from television, from movies and how should I live? I should live like a boy or girl lived in the first days of the Church.

Do you know that in the first days of the Church in Rome, everyone was pagan? A father could kill his son and could not be arrested, if he got mad at the boy, because the father was the complete ruler of his home. The father could have a real big fight with the mother and say, 'O.K.' and sell her. That's what paganism is, children. Paganism is horror upon earth. Paganism is the worship of anybody or anything, except God. Pagans worshipped cats; they did in Egypt. They worshipped crocodiles; they did in Egypt. In Germany, they worshipped the oak trees. In Persia, they worshipped the sun. In India, they worshipped devils. Pagans have no use for human beings. Only people who understand about God and Jesus, have any use for human beings.

The pagans were dreadful to their children. They might love their children, but as soon as the child aggravated the father or the mother, they could punish the child any way they wanted to, and because the mother and father very often were terrible sinners and depraved, they pained their children, they caused the children terrible pain; they branded

them sometimes. If a boy ran away from home, his father said he'd never run again and he branded him like you would brand a steer. That was the pagan world, children.

How did boys and girls live then? Was there only a handful of Catholics in the city of Rome in the north? And a handful in the center of Rome? And a handful in the western part of Rome? How did boys and girls live then? They lived like heroes. The other boys and girls committed sins of impurity right in front of them. How did they dress? They dressed modestly. They stayed away from all the other local children. They played only with Catholic children. They prayed very much. When it was possible, they sneaked away, down into the tombs underneath the earth, where a priest secretly had Mass in the dead of night. And then, those boys and girls at the age of seven and seventeen, one day, they brought them into the open arena and they let the lions and tigers out of the cages and they said, 'Deny Jesus Christ, or be eaten alive.' 'Quit on God, or be eaten alive.' 'Say terrible things against Jesus, or be eaten alive.' And they were only seven or seventeen years old, and yet those little children let the animals eat them! Now, children, that's what's ahead of you. Not the animals, but a dreadful world. You will not be able to have anything to do with any person that is your own age, except an occasional girl or boy. Now, that's ahead of you. Do you understand that, children? And you, like Saint Maximina, have got to be ready to suffer for Jesus, rather than commit one sin. And there are not going to be many priests, children, in case you do commit sin; to offer Mass, give you Holy Communion, to absolve your sins. So, you have got to trust your mother and father, who are now trying to make you saints, because if you are not very holy, children, in a very short time, then how are you going to save your souls? Because everyone else around you is going to be such a terrible sinner, and they're going to be cruel and they're going to kill you. The pagan Roman children did that. They killed their companions, because there was no such thing as murder being a sin. They didn't believe that.

So, children, you have to be very brave and you can't be brave without being very holy. You can't be holy without being taught by your mother and father, how to be holy; without being taught by your angel; without praying to the Blessed Virgin Mary every single day, 'Please, make me a saint!' You can't be holy, children, without wanting to live with God forever. Remember, it is better to suffer, children, a pain in this world, than to suffer pains in the next world. Because in this world, it's just a toothache; in this world, it's just a headache; in this world, it's just a stomachache; in this world, it's just a slap. Then suffer it, and offer it up to Jesus, as a prayer, that He will make you a saint. Get accustomed to giving to Jesus, all the inconveniences in the day; you're too hot, you don't feel good, you're terribly tired, but you still must stay up and do your homework. Get accustomed to offering up all of that, children, so that the day will come when you will be brave enough to be different from everybody in the whole school.

Now, children, before you leave here, when we kneel down, you're to ask Jesus in the tabernacle; look right at Him and tell Him, 'I so much want to be a saint. Please, make me a saint!' Kneel, down, children and pray that. Pray it silently. Look at the tabernacle. Look right at Jesus now, and pray it, 'I so much want to be a saint! Please, make me a saint!' Now, look at Jesus, He's in the tabernacle. This is He Who was so terribly crucified, and tell Him now, tell Him, 'Please, make my father and mother and all my family saints!' Pray it now, talking to Jesus, silently. Now, pray to Jesus silently, 'Please, Jesus, teach me to love Thy Blessed Mother!' And Jesus is never alone; He's

always with His Blessed Mother. Now pray to Our Blessed Lady, ‘Please, teach me to love Jesus above everything in this world!’”

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