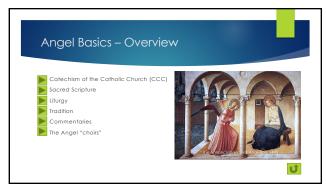




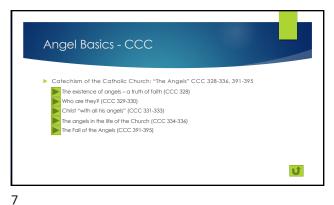
A little starter – page 1 Angels were created before the dawn of time. They sang at the creation of the world. Some rebelled against God, became demons, or devits (evi spirits), and set up hell's lowerarchy against heaven's hierarchy. One of them was the snake in the grass that tempted us to give up paradise. Angels were instrumental at every major stage of god's plan to get us back on the road to paradise. They surrounded the life of Abraham, the first of God's "chosen people". They onnounced to Sarah, his hundred-year-old, loughing wife, that she would have a miracle body. They stopped him from moking a human scartifice of Isaacc. They saved Abraham and Jacob in the desert on a ladder, back and forth like eighteen-wheelers on that busy highway to heaven. One picked up the prophet Habbakuk by the hair and whisked him seven hundred miles away. Angels came to old women and old men, to the blind and the poor, to shepherds and fleeing criminals, but not to kings or politicians. One came to a teenaged Jewish girl as an ambassador of her creator and meekly asked her permission in his name to use her womb as his door into our world. And because she said Yes to his angel, we have Christmas, and Easter and the hope of heaven.

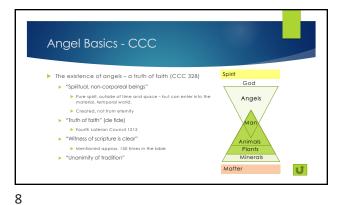
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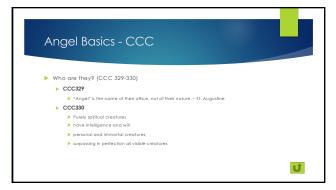




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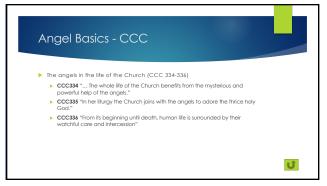
Angel Basics - CCC ► Christ "with all his angels" (CCC 331-333) CCC331 (Relationship to Christ)

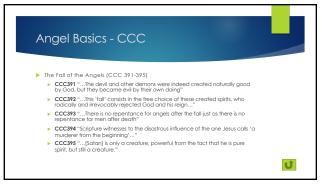
CCrist is the center of the angelic world*

when the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him..." M125:31 *for in him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through him and for him "Col 11.6" CCC332 "Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of solvation." CCC333 "From the Incarnation to the Ascension, the life of the Word incarnate is surrounded by adoration and service of angels.... they will be present at Christ's return, which they will announce, to serve at his judgement" U

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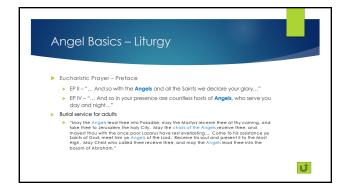
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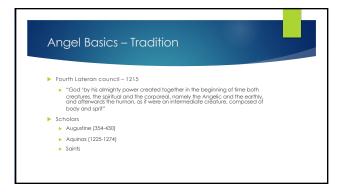




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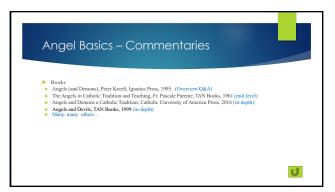








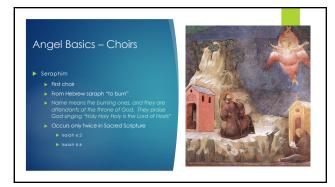
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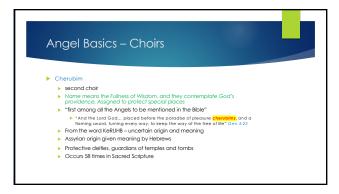




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Angel Basics – Choirs

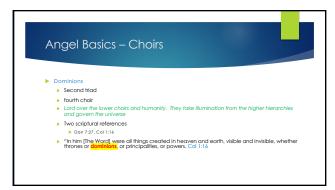
Thrones
Third chair

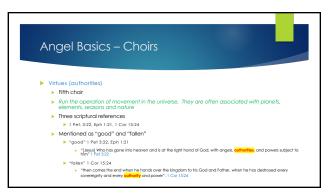
"Sacred Scripture does not offer any clues about the nature and dufies of this Angelic chair beyond the fact of revealing its name at the head of a partial list"
- Parente

"In him [The Word], were all things created in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether throneg or dominions, or principalities, or powers. Col 1:16

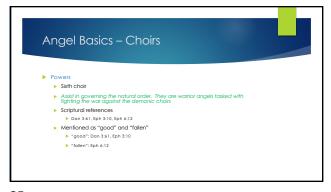
"Steadfastness seems to be the characteristic of the Thrones..." - Parente

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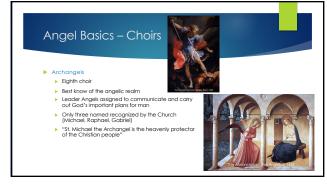




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Angel Basics - Choirs

Angels

Ninth choir
Closest to the material world and humanity.
The lowest choir is where we get the majority of our personal guardian angels.

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Angel Basics – Guardian Angel tasks

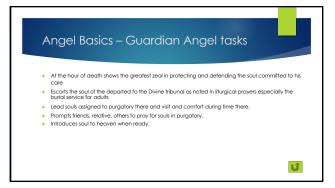
Lead us safely through life till we attain the glory and peace which they themselves possess... - \$1. Bernard

Protect both spiritual and corpored life
Defend and protect our immortal soul from the seduction of the world and wiles of Satan.

Come to our rescue when harm has befallen us.
Adult persons, are warned and caulioned by their Angel, but remain free to heed or ignore such warnings
Act as intermediaries between God and man (e.g. Rafael in book of Tobias)

Pray for us and with us.

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Reflections

Conversation with my wife about this topic

"Convince me that they are real"

Scripture

Tradition

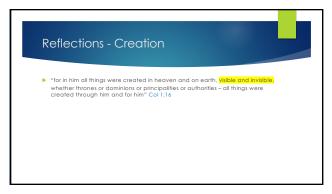
Parallels in the physical world (faith and science)

Personal experience

Why does it matter?

Helps understand the invisible part of creation.

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Reflections - Creation

Visible

Matter

Energy (heat, light, motion)

Invisible

Split

Order (Intelligibility) (math)

Energy (potential)

Reason (ability to understand order)

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Reflections

How do we experience/know things?

There are physical things that are difficult/impossible to observe given our available senses

Special tools/techniques required to observe given our available senses

Special tools/techniques required to observe/understand

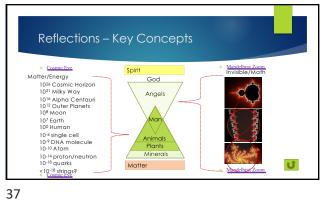
It makes sense that concepts can be leveraged from the physical to spiritual worlds

Several interesting examples

Cosmic eye – physical world

Mandelbrot set - mathematics

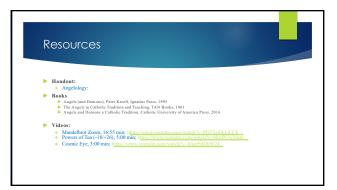
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What does it mean – Faith & Science

- As an object of intense interest by both the faith and scientific communities the Stroud provides a bridge for those seeking fruth.

 The Church welcomes this search for fruth and has articulated it well in the Catechism.

 Faith and science: "Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and influes faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of the hings of the hings of the hings of the faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of himself, for it is God, the conserver of all things, who made them what they are." CCL 159