

Why Were You Born?

Rediscovering What Was Never Meant to Be Lost

Class 5 – Angelic Hierarchy: Part 2

The First Sphere of Angels

Student Handout

Opening Orientation

- 30 minutes teaching, followed by Q&A
- Questions related directly to tonight's topic
- Podcast and resources available at Catholic Reboot (Rumble) and Catholic-Reboot.com

Foundational Questions (Our Anchor)

Who made us? God made us.

Why did God make us? To know Him, love Him, serve Him, and be happy with Him forever.

How? With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Important Reminder: What Angels Are

- Angels are incorporeal (without bodies)
- They are pure spirits: intellect and will
- They assume visible forms only when God permits
- Appearances in Scripture are symbolic and pedagogical

The First Sphere – Closest to God (Contemplative)

Mission: Worship, contemplation, and transmitting God's light to lower choirs.

- Seraphim – Perfect Love (Charity)
- Cherubim – Perfect Wisdom (Truth)
- Thrones – Perfect Justice (Order)

SERAPHIM – The Burning Ones



- Isaiah 6:2–3 – 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts'
- Six wings symbolize humility, reverence, obedience
- Radiate divine charity

Spiritual lesson: We are called to burn with love for God, not be lukewarm.

CHERUBIM – Guardians of Divine Truth



- Guard Eden and the Ark of the Covenant
- Associated with fullness of knowledge
- Protect sacred doctrine and divine mysteries

Spiritual lesson: Love God with your mind. Study and guard the Faith.

THRONES – Instruments of Divine Justice



- Represent stability and authority
- Reflect God's unchanging moral order
- Remind us that obedience brings peace

Spiritual lesson: Trust God's justice and live morally ordered lives.

Big Picture Takeaways

- Heaven is structured and hierarchical
- Love, Truth, and Justice form Heaven's foundation
- Angels model what we were created to become
- Our purpose: Know Him. Love Him. Serve Him.

Reflection Questions

Where is God calling me to grow in love?

Do I take doctrine and truth seriously?

Do I trust and obey God's justice in daily life?

Closing Prayer

O Seraphim, inflame our hearts with love.

O Cherubim, enlighten our minds with truth.

O Thrones, strengthen our will to obey.

Our Lady, Queen of Angels, pray for us. Amen.