

## **Student Handout**

### **Why Were You Born?**

#### **Rediscovering What Was Never Meant to Be Lost**

##### **Class 7: Angelic Hierarchy – Part 4**

##### **The Third Sphere of Angels (Choirs 7–9)**

### **Foundational Questions (Review)**

#### **Who made us?**

God made us.

#### **Why did God make us?**

To know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.

#### **How do we do this?**

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

### **Opening Prayer (Recommended)**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle...

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

### **The Nine Choirs of Angels (3 Spheres)**

#### **Sphere 1 – Worship (Closest to God)**

- Seraphim
- Cherubim
- Thrones

#### **Sphere 2 – Governance (Cosmic Order)**

- Dominions
- Virtues
- Powers

#### **Sphere 3 – Close to Humanity (Our Focus)**

- Principalities
- Archangels

- Angels (Guardian Angels)

**Memory Aid:**

“Sacred Choirs Teach Divine Virtue, Protect People Always.”

**The Third Sphere of Angels**

**Directly Involved With Humanity**

This sphere is closest to human life.  
The higher choirs contemplate God more directly.  
The lower choirs serve creation more directly.

**The Seventh Choir: Principalities**



**Guardians of Nations and Societies**

**Key Scripture:** Romans 13:1

**Their Mission**

Principalities guide:

- Nations
- Cultures
- Institutions
- Leaders
- Civil order

They do NOT control human freedom.  
They influence and illuminate according to God’s providence.

**What They Symbolize**

- Divine order in history
- Moral structure in society
- Stability in civilization

### **Traditional Appearance (Symbolism)**

- Crowned or regal
- Calm and dignified
- Holding scepters or scrolls
- Ordered and noble in form

This represents:

- Authority under God
- Governance, not domination
- Stability over chaos

### **Spiritual Lessons from the Principalities**

- Authority is a responsibility, not power
- We must pray for leaders (1 Timothy 2:1–2)
- History is spiritual before it is political

### **The Eighth Choir: Archangels**



## **Divine Messengers and Protectors**

**Key Scripture:** Malachi 3:1

### **Their Mission**

Archangels are sent for major moments in salvation history:

- Deliver divine messages
- Defend the Church
- Engage in spiritual warfare
- Guide souls
- Reveal God's plan

### **Traditional Appearance (Symbolism)**

- Radiant human-like form
- Wings (obedience and swiftness)
- Armor or sword (spiritual warfare)
- Light (divine mission)

They appear more human because they interact directly with mankind.

### **The Three Named Archangels**

#### **St. Michael – Defender**

- Leader in spiritual warfare (Revelation 12:7)
- Protector of the Church
- Symbol: Sword and armor

#### **St. Gabriel – Messenger**

- Announced the Incarnation (Luke 1)
- Symbol: Lily or scroll
- Represents obedience to God's will

#### **St. Raphael – Healer & Guide**

- Appears in the Book of Tobit
- Symbol: Staff and fish

- Represents healing and guidance

### **The Ninth Choir: Angels (Guardian Angels)**



### **Personal Guardians of the Soul**

**Key Scripture:** Matthew 18:10

### **Their Mission**

Guardian Angels:

- Protect the soul
- Guide the conscience
- Inspire virtue
- Assist in prayer
- Defend against temptation

Every person is assigned a Guardian Angel by God.

### **Why Guardian Angels Are Depicted as Gentle**

Their mission is personal, not cosmic.

They symbolize:

- Mercy

- Patience
- Constant companionship
- Personal care

They are shown:

- Guiding children
- Protecting travelers
- Standing beside souls in prayer

**The Light Around Guardian Angels Means:**

- Illumination of conscience
- Guidance toward truth
- Quiet inspiration
- Protection from spiritual darkness

**Theological Meaning of the Third Sphere**

<b>Choir</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>Symbolism</b>
Principalities	Govern societies	Order & stability
Archangels	Major divine missions	Truth & spiritual battle
Angels	Guard individuals	Personal guidance & care

**The Fallen Counterfeit of the Third Sphere**

(Demonic Imitation of Angelic Roles)

**1. Against Principalities**

Targets:

- Nations
- Cultures
- Institutions

Effects:

- Moral confusion

- Corrupt leadership
- Cultural disorder

## **2. Against Archangels**

Targets:

- Truth
- Doctrine
- Spiritual clarity

Methods:

- Deception
- False teachings
- Spiritual confusion
- Pride disguised as enlightenment  
(John 8:44 – Father of Lies)

## **3. Against Guardian Angels' Mission**

Targets:

- Individual souls

Methods:

- Temptation
- Discouragement
- Distraction in prayer
- Fear and anxiety
- Pride and self-justification

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8

## **Important Catholic Teaching**

Demons are:

- NOT equal to God

- Limited by Divine Providence
- Already defeated by Christ

Heaven operates in perfect order.

Hell only imitates in disorder.

### **Final Spiritual Reflection**

God interacts with the world through the Third Sphere:

- Through Principalities → He governs societies
- Through Archangels → He intervenes in history
- Through Guardian Angels → He guides your soul

### **Consoling Truth:**

You are never spiritually alone.

Your Guardian Angel:

- Inspires you
- Protects you
- Warns you
- Prays for you
- Guides you toward salvation

### **Devotional Practices (Recommended)**

- Daily Guardian Angel Prayer
- Prayer to St. Michael
- Feast of the Archangels (Sept 29)
- Feast of Guardian Angels (Oct 2)

**Key Takeaway for Students:** Heaven is not distant or inactive.

It is:

- Governing the world
- Defending the Church
- Guiding your soul personally

Even when unseen.

Even when forgotten.

Even when unacknowledged.