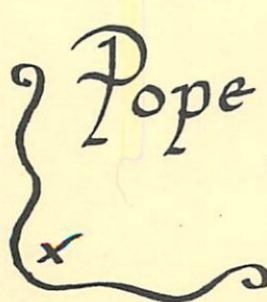


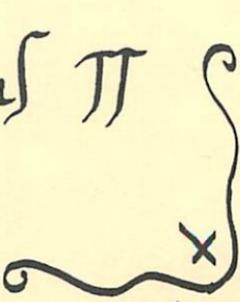
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INTRODUCTION

Rome, Italy, we are told, is a fascinating and busy city. One hears all day long church bells ringing, cars honking and if you're fortunate, you may even hear the birds chirping.

Amidst all of this clamor, one afternoon at the Vatican sat Our Holy Father relaxed as he read a story on angels. "How wonderful God is," thought the Holy Father. When He created us God knew that we needed to feel His presence at all times, so He assigned everyone a guardian angel. From the beginning of time, angels always reached out to the prophets of old. Our faith tells us how the angel Gabriel reached out to the Virgin Mary and asked her if she would become the mother of Jesus. At the birth of Jesus, angels reached out to the poor shepherds announcing the good news. After the resurrection, an angel reached out and proclaimed the greatest message the world has ever heard, "Jesus is not here, He is risen." The Holy Father bowed his head in awe of the angels and thought if only mankind knew how the angels want to reach out to all of mankind and nations.

The Holy Father was so relaxed that he fell asleep and soon he was laughing in his sleep.



GIFTS

Several Sisters entered the room and gave the Holy Father many cards, some gaily wrapped packages, and a huge box. The Pope rubbed his eyes, smiled and took a beautifully decorated cake out of the box. He read an inscribed message, "Happy 10th Anniversary of your ordination as Pope. We need you and love you." It was signed from the children of the world. The Pope then noticed a small angel figurine had fallen on the cake. Oh, how the Holy Father laughed and so did the two Sisters not knowing what it was all about. A bishop passing by, stopped to hear the laughter and with a twinkle in his eyes remarked, "I guess besides Faith and Wisdom, a good sense of humor is another great gift of God. Praise God for laughter."

THE END.

DREAMING

What can all the hustle and noise be about in the next room? Suddenly the door opened and angels came out carrying a huge cake. The Holy Father looked at the angels who seemed to be very gentle, but yet he thought any minute they were going to drop the cake. The Holy Father smiled as the angels put the cake on a table nearby. Then the angels, one by one, placed themselves on the cake, each holding a small banner with a number from 1 to 9. Written on the cake was "Happy 10th Anniversary Holy Father." The Holy Father was about to say that there is a banner missing, when into the room came a tiny angel wobbling back and forth carrying the 10th banner. The Pope observed as the tiny angel struggled to get on the cake only to keep falling off. "Wait, I'll help you," said the Holy Father as he reached out. "Oh! I can make it all by myself," said the angel and just then he fell flat on his face into the cake. The little angel struggled to get up. The Holy Father laughed as he picked up the angel, wiped his face and tasting the icing said, "Delicious! Who made it?"

The Holy Father was still laughing when a knock on the door awakened him.

End of dream.

The Priests, Sisters, Deacon and Parishioners of St. Frances of Rome in Cicero, Illinois, along with the entire world, wish Pope John Paul II, a Happy Tenth Anniversary. May God continue to shower His blessings on him.

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