

*Aspiration.*—O, Mary! Mistress of the Angels and Queen of the holy Rosary, intercede for us!

## OCTOBER THIRD.

*Sacred to the Angels of the First Choir.*

Though all the blessed Spirits are commonly styled Angels, it is to those of the First Choir that the appellation strictly belongs. These are they who are charged with the execution of the divine ordinances, and who are appointed the guardians of men. Humility is the virtue particularly ascribed to them—for, though the last in order among the Choirs, they see without desiring the more excellent endowments of their celestial companions. Let us, like them, love to occupy the lowest place, especially when placed therein by Divine Providence, and to behold with joy the preference given to others.

*Practice.*—Three acts of Humility, interior or exterior.

*Asp.*—“Who is like God!”

## OCTOBER FOURTH.

*The Archangels—Second Choir.*

The Archangels are distinguished from the Angels by the greater importance of their functions. They are supposed to be the guardians of the Pope, of the Bishops, and of all invested with authority, in Church and State—and are remarkable for love and care of men. Let us imi-

tate them, doing our neighbour all the good we can, and invoking in his behalf these blessed Spirits.

*Practice.*—Two acts of Charity, with great affection.

*Asp.*—Holy Archangels! pray for us.

## OCTOBER FIFTH.

*The Principalities.*

The Principalities, who form the Third Choir, are charged to watch over Empires, Provinces, Diocesses, Religious Communities, &c., and avert from them the effects of the divine wrath. They are also appointed to transmit to the angels of the last two Choirs the orders of the Most High. Purity of intention is the virtue ascribed to them, for in their high functions they never seek but the honour and interest of God alone. Let us imitate them. It is the intention which stamps the action with merit or demerit.

*Practice.*—In all you do and say, seek the greater glory of God.

*Asp.*—O, Holy Spirits! may we, like you, seek God, for God alone.

## OCTOBER SIXTH.

*The Powers—the Fourth Choir.*

The Angels of this Choir have received from God unlimited sway over the wicked Spirits; they are endowed with great intelligence, so as to be able to discover their schemes and plans for our destru-