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DEVOTION TO THE HOLY ANGELS.

IT was God's inexplicable fondness for mankind which prompted Him to favor us with His graces beyond all other creatures ; which, while we were yet merged in that indefinite multitude of possible beings, ready to spring into existence at His fiat, singled us out preferably to so many others ; which at the first instant of the union of our soul and body raised us to the supernatural state, gave us as birthright the joys of heaven and the Beatific Vision ; yielded up His only begotten Son to death as the ransom of our fallen nature, established His Church to be the ark of our salvation, nurtured and sanctified us with the Sacraments, so also did that same excessive love prompt Him still further to add yet another grace, not so transcending as the former, but betokening none the less His love for man, that spoilt child of His creation.