

light in which he dwelt, gave command to nothing, and created the Angels. Admirable Spirits! their perfections are like a profound sea, which cannot be fathomed. Beings incomprehensible—they announce in their celestial endowments the omnipotence, love, and wisdom of their Almighty Maker. They are incorruptible in their nature—illuminated with the most brilliant irradiations—endowed with wonderful science—clothed with divine purity—consumed with celestial love. Their power is amazing—their charms so ravishing, that, St. Bridget says, the appearance of one alone of them to mortal man would occasion immediate death. Their sanctity exceeds that of all the Saints since they have been replenished with the divine unction, and have never contracted actual stain. Their charity is exceeding great since they have received more of that sacred fire, which, according to St. John, is the essence of the Godhead, than all other creatures. This is saying much and yet it conveys but a faint idea of the perfection of these celestial Spirits. Let us, while we confess their greatness, bless the hand of Him who made them and commence this holy Month as they began their angelic course, saying.

Practice—The *Te Deum*.

Aspiration for the Day.—Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! the Heavens and the Earth are full of thy glory!—Glory be to the Fa-

ther! Glory be to the Son! Glory be to the Holy Ghost!

OCTOBER SECOND, OR ROSARY SUNDAY.*

The Angels, Servants and Subjects of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Scarcely was it announced to the heavenly Spirits, that a Queen was “born to them,” than they descend in myriads, and hover round her cradle with wonder and delight.—They guard her infant steps; they convey her to the temple; they unceasingly continue their celestial attentions, until, by means of the Incarnation, she becomes the temple of the Word, when their visits are so frequent, that her little cottage becomes a species of Paradise. At Bethlehem, in Egypt, and at the holy Sepulchre, they continue to wait on their blessed Queen, until, expiring under the wounds of holy love, they conduct her with celestial song through realms of light, and presenting her to the lamb, cast their crowns before her throne, vowing her eternal love, obedience and fidelity. If we love our blessed Mother, we cannot refuse to honour those by whom she is so much honoured.

Practice.—In honour of the blessed Virgin and the Angels, say three times the Anthem, *Ave Regina Cælorum*, &c.

* If Rosary Sunday be later than the Second Day of October, leave this for that Feast, and pass to the next.