



**September 24, 2020**

Greetings to all! One of the last days of September, we will celebrate the feast of three archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Michael was known as the one who would lead God's armies against Satan, Gabriel the one who announced to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, and Raphael is the angel of healing. Then before long, we will be starting a new month (October). In the early part of the month, we will celebrate the feast of the **Guardian Angels** (Oct. 2), the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4), and Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We probably all have our special thoughts of which ones we like the best. Some people have a special devotion to their guardian angels, and of course, Our Lady of the Rosary is another feast of Mary.

I tend to have a special liking to St. Francis of Assisi, as I had spent many years being taught by the Franciscan Sisters when I was in elementary school. I had always thought I would enter their community, then when I finally decided to enter the convent, I realized that if I entered their community I would probably spend all of my life teaching in **big cities** because by that time, their community had closed all of their South Dakota schools. However by that time, I learned that the Presentation Sisters had schools all over South Dakota, and so I ended up here in Aberdeen. A surprise to me when I got here was that October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, was also our Foundation Day (the day that our Presentation Community was founded in 1886.) I took it that God was telling me that I was in the right place. What do you think about that? Have you ever had a pleasant surprise like that?

I think God often leads us where He wants us by experiences like that – through our joys and special desires. God bless you all.

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