

## ***Excerpts from Homily - CST Centennial Liturgy***

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Recently, I was introduced to the sound track "In Search of Angels." The song "Calling All Angels" begins with a chant of Litany of Feminine Saints that blends into the voice of a grieving person whose body seems too heavy to step out into the road of life, and who is calling all angels to show the way.

Celebrating the Eucharist here in this Saint Mary of the Angels Chapel triggers all kinds of memories for me and for you. I was in the adoration chapel off to your right during the 40 Hours Devotion in February of 1959 when I was graced with inner peace in my decision to be become a Franciscan, a decision that I have never regretted.

I had no idea that this chapel was named for the small chapel that Saint Francis rebuilt in the Umbrian Valley, below his hometown of Assisi. There he heard...*The Lord sent out his disciples telling them to carry no moneybag, no sack, no sandals...and to preach peace...* Francis grasped its meaning and exclaimed, "This is what I want; this is what I long for with all my heart." That singular event in the original chapel of Mary of the Angels has shifted history, because on that day was born Franciscan evangelization. Francis' joy in his God relationship awakened the dormant faith in the listeners, and during Francis' short lifespan, thousands of persons joined him with a renewed fervor for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our society is crying out for angels. We are being sent from these moments of reunion back into a world that desires to be lifted up, to hear "Peace be with you" from persons who embody the assurance they have been called to extend peace. Peace be with you on your way.

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