Angels

Bible	Roman Catholic Church
1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:24 Satisfaction Ascribed to Christ alone: Romans 8:34-35; 1 John 2:1-2 Colossians 2:18	Angel Hierarchies from Pseudo-Dionysius Guardian Angels? (Matt. 18:10 Negative proved by: 1) One angel relieves the siege of Jerusalem Isaiah 37:36, c.f. Ps. 34:7 2) Many angels assigned to one: Ps. 91:11; 2 Kings 6:17; Gen. 32:1-2 3) 1 Cor. 11:10 Angel Intercessors

1) The Truth:

- 1. Propitiation is the cause and foundation of intercession, so propitiation is a necessity for the right performance of intercession. As in the OT the priest could not perform the act of declaration who had before fulfilled the act of sacrificing and to him alone it belonged to offer incense, see Exodus 30:34-38
- 2. Our prayers must be washed from their imperfections, as OT high priest bore the sins of the people when giving the offerings of Israel, see Exodus 28:38
- 3. Uncreated Angel Examples: Zechariah 1:12; Job 33:23; Genesis 18:3; Genesis 32:24-30 (c.f. Hos. 12:3-4); Genesis 48:16; Joshua 5:14 (c.f. Ex. 3:5-6)
 - a. As to Revelation 8:3
 - i. This angel is distinguished from the seven other angels spoken in verse 2 and he is said to be another, not so much in number, but in species.
 - ii. This angel is set before is as a priest, an office claimed by Christ alone (Hebrews 9:24)
 - iii. The prayers of "all saints" cannot be offered by a mere created angel because of no divine attributes required, such as, omnipresence and omniscience.
 - iv. The angels sending of fire in Rev. 8:5 is ascribed as a property of Christ alone in Luke 12:49
- 4. Express denial of latria: Colossians 2:18 and Revelation 19:10; 22:9
- 5. Exclusively all latria for God: Matthew 4:10
- 6. Difference between intercessory prayer and Intercession of the Mediator

3) Quick Examples of ancient consent with the Bible:

Church Father	Source	Quote
Augustine	Ad Orosium contra Priscillianistas 11	"I most firmly believe that there are thrones, dominions, prinicipalities, powers in heavenly places, and I hold with firm faith that there is a difference between them. But although you may despise me whom you think to be a great teacher, I know not what they are, and what is the difference between them."