

Book plumbs the 'angelic' in the Twin Cities

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ST. PAUL, Minn. — Some might say Joan Nyberg has an angel watching over her.

What better way to explain the success of her new, self-published book, "A Rustling of Wings: An Angelic Guide to the Twin Cities." More than 800 copies were sold between May and early July.

It may seem like nothing compared to the millions of books sold by big publishing firms. But Nyberg, a freelance business writer, wife and mother, is alone in her venture, doing her own marketing and promotion on a limited budget and with only 21 hours of day-care assistance each week.

The idea for the book — a guide to angels in Minneapolis and St. Paul — was the answer to a prayer, said Nyberg. She had wanted to do something more meaningful than creating brochures and writing articles for business newsletters.

"It's been a real period of growth for me," she told the *Catholic Bulletin*, newspaper of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese. "I had to put in a lot of work and use my skills. But in this case it's all worked out."

The book notes angels featured in churches, cemeteries and even shopping malls in the Twin Cities. Also included are lists of publications about angels, angel organizations, crafts, artists and other items.



The author likewise solicited stories from people who report encounters with angels; she relates their experiences, along with several of her own.

She prefaced the book with her story of its inception. While attending Midnight Mass alone one Christmas Eve, she became aware of the beautiful angels in the church's stained-glass win-

dows and on the altar. Later, as she recounted it, with visions of angel wings rustling in her head, she awoke in the morning with an idea for her book's direction: A directory of Twin Cities angels.

Along the road to publication of "A Rustling of Wings," she said, a lot of small miracles occurred:

— When she couldn't find a publisher, she became aware of a class for people interested in publishing their own books.

— When she needed a complimentary review, a fellow author appeared on the scene.

— And when her first books were delivered, the first person to view her work was Father James Whalen, who had been a writing mentor when she was attending the College of St. Catherine.

"To me that was something that was special," Nyberg said.

While gathering information, she found that angels seem to bring together people of all faiths. "People who might not agree on other aspects agree on angels," she said.

"I think we are living in such a secular society that people are looking for spiritual things," she continued. "You don't have to have a spectacular experience to know that there are angels."

EDITORS' NOTE: Copies of "A Rustling of Wings: An Angelic Guide to the Twin Cities" are available for \$15.95 each from Wingtip Press, P.O. Box 40414, St. Paul, Minn. 55104-0414. Shipping is an additional \$2 for the first book, and 75 cents for each additional book.

Seal outperforms MTV comic in new films

NEW YORK (CNS) — The following are capsule reviews of movies recently reviewed by the U.S. Catholic Conference Office for Film and Broadcasting.

'Andre'

(Paramount) Pleasant fact-based story of a family living on the Maine coast, where in the 1960s father (Keith Carradine) and daughter (Tina Majorino) rescue a seal pup who becomes so attached to its adopted human family that for 24

years the seal made its way back to them after every winter. Director George Miller embroiders the antics of the seal with several subplots in a sentimental story stressing positive parent-child relationships. The USCC classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

'In the Army Now'

(Hollywood) Tiresome time-waster

with comic Pauly Shore joining the Army Reserves for the money, then becoming a hero after getting called up for active duty in the African desert. Director Daniel Petrie Jr. strings together a series of service comedy cliches that are as stale as Shore's dumb brand of humor is inept. Heavy sexual innuendo, stylized violence and coarse language. The USCC classification is A-III — adults. The MPAA rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

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