

Ask a Priest!
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Question: Were angels ever human?

Answer: The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) clearly affirms, “The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition” (CCC#328). Given that we do believe in angels, we define them as pure spirits and personal beings with intelligence and free will. They are immortal beings meaning they never die. As the Bible attests, they appear to humans as apparitions with a human form, but they are not human beings. We believe that Almighty God created the angels before the rest of creation. Therefore angels were never human prior to becoming angels. And, when we die, we do not become angels even though people often express that their loved ones who are deceased “have gained their wings”.

Thanks for asking! Here’s a great article that has everything you ever needed to know about what has been revealed about Angels:

<https://stjosephnewton.org/angels>

The catechism also offers some insight, beginning at n. 328:

https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/___P1A.HTM