

Modern Heretics Mock Wearing It

The Brown Scapular



A Gift from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The devil howled at Venerable Francis Ypes, "Take off the habit which snatches so many souls from us!" These were the words Francis heard the day his Scapular fell off. Francis then made the devil admit that there are three things which the demons are most afraid of:

1. The Holy Name of Jesus
2. The Holy Name of Mary
3. The Holy Scapular of Carmel.

The Holy Rosary was also added.

Today most Catholics either ignore or have entirely forgotten the promise Blessed Mother gave to St. Simon Stock. In 1251 she said, "Whosoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire. **It is my garment.** To be clothed in it means you are continually thinking of Me, and I in turn, am always thinking of you and helping you to secure eternal life."

Blessed Claude de la Colombiere, the spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary said there are various modes of expressing our love to Blessed Mother, which cannot be equally pleasing to Her, and therefore do not assist us in the same degree to reach Heaven. He went on to say, without a moments hesitation, "**The Brown Scapular is the Most Favored of All!** No devotion has been confirmed by more numerous authentic miracles than the Brown Scapular."

The Church extended the first promise given by Blessed Mother that when a baptized Catholic is enrolled in the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular and vested in that tiny habit of brown wool, as she gave to St. Simon Stock and the Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire.

The second promise known as the sabbatine privilege was given by the Blessed Virgin to Pope John XXII in 1322 when she said, "I, the Mother of Grace shall descend on the Saturday after their death, and whomsoever I shall find in Purgatory, I shall free."

The Sabbatine Privilege conditions are:

1. Wear the Brown Scapular
2. Practice chastity according to one's state of life;
3. Daily recitation of the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For those who cannot read; abstain from meat on Wednesday and Saturday, or a priest may substitute the recitation of the daily Rosary.

Fr. Corapi stated the brown scapular identifies us, like a habit identifies a religious, or a uniform identifies a person. The scapular represents a life of prayer. St. Alphonsus Liguori tells us, "Modern heretics make a mockery of wearing the Scapular. They decry it as so much trifling nonsense."

There are countless stories of Blessed Mother coming to the rescue of those enrolled and clothed in her Scapular. Pope Pius XII referred to the Scapular as "**The Sign of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**" The Scapular also represents the sweet yoke of Jesus Christ which Mary helps us to bear.

The Pope also said the Scapular marks us as one of Mary's chosen children, and becomes for us a:

"Garment of Grace."

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. May non-Catholics wear the Scapular?

A. Yes - non-Catholics may wear the Scapular but are not enrolled in the Confraternity. Confraternity members are under the authority of the Catholic Church. When we give a scapular to a non-Catholic we should say one Hail Mary, and ask them to say a Hail Mary each day. Our Lady will bring conversions to those who honor Her by this means.

Q. Must the Scapular be blessed before wearing it?

A. A Catholic need only be enrolled in the Brown Scapular once. The first

Scapular to be worn must be blessed and imposed by a Priest using the formula in the Roman ritual for reception into the Confraternity of the Scapular.

Q. What should be done when a Scapular wears out?

A. The Scapular, being a sacred object, when it becomes worn out must be either buried or burned. It should not be disposed of in the regular trash.

Q. After being enrolled, do subsequent Scapulars need to be blessed?

A. No - subsequent Scapulars do not need to be blessed.

Q. How should the Scapular be worn?

A. The Scapular must be worn over the shoulders in such a manner that one part hangs in front of the body and the other in back. *Worn in any other way, it carries no indulgence or promise.* It is not necessary to wear the Scapular next to the skin. Many Catholics may not know it is the wish of the Holy Father that the Scapular Medal should not be worn in place of the Cloth Scapular without sufficient reason. Mary cannot be pleased with anyone who substitutes the medal out of vanity, or out of fear of making an open profession of faith. The medal has never been noted for any of the miraculous preservations attributed to the *Brown Cloth Scapular*. "Garment of Grace," Imprimatur: Most Rev. Timothy Harrington, March 9, 1990.

Q. Would there be a sin if you stopped wearing the Scapular after having received it?

A. No - it would not be a sin, but in doing so you would loose all the benefits promised. If you have not worn the Scapular, even for several years, and you decide to wear it again, no new ceremony or enrollment is necessary. ♦

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