

Smack The Devil This Time.

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St. Benedict used to carry about with him a little black cross as a protection against the devil. He wrought many miracles with it. After his death such crosses were worn in his memory. Finally the cross gave way to a medal, with a cross stamped on it. The mystical initials began to appear on the medal, until at present the so-called Jubilee Medal of St. Benedict carries all the inscriptions noted above. Their meaning follows:

1. Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux - Let not the devil be my guide.
Crux Sancta Sit Mihi Lux - May the Holy Cross be my light.
2. Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti - The Cross of Holy Father Benedict.
3. Sunt Mala Quae Libas Ipse Venena Bibas - The things thou offerest are evil; drink your own poison.
4. Vade Retro Satanas Non Suade Mihi Vana - Go behind me, Satan; tempt me not to vain things.
5. May his presence defend us in our death.
6. From Monte Cassino (the birthplace of the Benedictine Order).

As you can readily surmise, the inscriptions refer to St. Benedict's war with the devil. The mention of poison refers to a drink which was once offered St. Benedict by an enemy; suspecting treachery, the legend goes, he made the sign of the Cross over it with his little cross, and a serpent came out of the glass. There is a thought for you in that.

The football team will wear the medal of St. Benedict today, and will offer the game as an act of reparation for the way some people took dictation from the devil after the Navy Game was won in the name of Our Blessed Mother. Take a lesson from the team. Smack the devil this time, with the help of St. Benedict. Show yourselves worthy of victory.

Jim Meehan Is Recovering.

The good signs noted in Jim Meehan's condition Thursday have been fully justified. He is recovering rapidly. The internal infection is draining very well without the operation, and there is no longer any danger of pneumonia. Say a deep prayer of thanksgiving for this, because he was on the brink, and we don't want anything disastrous to happen this year.

Prayers.

Mr. James Martin of Detroit, a friend of a student, died suddenly a few days ago. Four special intentions and three sick persons are recommended to your prayers.

The Feast Of Christ the King.

Tomorrow we celebrate this new feast, which was added to the calendar two years ago. The High Mass tomorrow will be a Solemn Mass of Exposition, and the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed until the end of the 10:30 parish Mass. There will be Rosary Devotions for the Community (which you may attend) at 1:30 and Benediction for the students at 7:30, as usual. Holy Communion should accompany the Mass on this feast.