

"WHOEVER WEARS THE SCAPULAR UNTIL DEATH — WILL BE PRESERVED FROM HELL"

This is the promise of Our Lady to all those who wear her scapular as a sign of devotion and love. The scapular to which this promise is attached is the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, commonly called the Carmelite Scapular, because it was to a Carmelite religious, St. Simon Stock, that Our Lady gave the scapular and the promise. The cloth scapular consists of two small squares of cloth joined by two strings so that when it is thrown over the head one part hangs over the shoulders (scapula) in front and the other part in back. The scapular medal is a piece of metal containing an image of the Sacred Heart on one side and Our Lady on the other.

"Will sinners who wear the scapular be saved?" "This privilege declares nothing else than that all those who out of true veneration and love for the Blessed Virgin constantly wear the scapular in a spirit of fidelity and confiding faith, after they have been placed by the Church itself with this habit or badge under the special protection of the Mother of God, shall enjoy this special protection in the matter and crisis which most concerns them for time and eternity. Whoever, therefore, even though he be now a sinner, wears the badge of the Mother of God throughout life as her faithful servant, not presumptuously relying on the scapular as on a miraculous amulet, but trustfully confiding in the power and goodness of Mary, may securely hope that Mary will through her powerful and motherly intercession procure for him all the necessary graces for true conversion and for perseverance in good." (Cath. Encycl.)

Is the promise of Our Lady attached to the wearing of the scapular medal or to the cloth scapular only? The scapular medal takes the place of the cloth scapular once one has been enrolled in the cloth scapular. This enrollment usually takes place at First Communion time. All the scapular privileges are attached to the medal, namely, the happy death privilege, indulgences and the Sabbatine Privilege. A recent article written by Father Albert Dolan, O. Carm., whose mission is to spread devotion to the scapular, makes it clear that the medal is so privileged. He quotes the Holy Father, the General of the Order, an authority on the subject, and an eminent theologian.

Must the medal be worn about the neck? This is a practical question. Some men wear their medal on their watch chain. Girls sometimes wear the medal attached to a bracelet. Pope Pius X says that the medal can be worn anywhere on one's person. "In the future ALL the faithful, already invested in the Scapular by regular enrollment, may, instead of the cloth Scapulars, wear on their persons, either round the neck or otherwise, a single medal of metal, through which, they shall be enabled to share in and gain ALL the spiritual favors (not excepting what is known as the Sabbatine Privilege) of the Scapular of Mount Carmel."

Are you wearing a Scapular Medal? The Notre Dame medal which many students have procured from the Book Store is a Scapular Medal. The Prefect of Religion has a limited supply of medals in his office. Stop in for one.

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