

Enrolment

The priest lays the Scapular over one shoulder of the person to be enrolled and says: "Receive this blessed Scapular and ask the Most Holy Virgin that, by her merits, it may be worn with no stain of sin and may protect you from all harm and bring you into everlasting life." (You reply **"Amen"**.)

"By the power granted to me, I admit you to share in all the spiritual works performed, with the merciful help of Jesus Christ, by the Religious of Mount Carmel; in the name of the Father and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, bless + you whom He has been pleased to receive into the Confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. We beg her to crush the head of the ancient serpent in the hour of your death and, in the end to obtain for you a palm and the crown of your everlasting inheritance. Through Christ Our Lord." (You reply **"Amen"**.)

- The priest now sprinkles you with Holy Water:)

When the scapular breaks or is lost you can get a new one. Get it blessed (with a simple blessing; the elaborate one given above is not necessary). You do not have to be enrolled again.

Morning Offering Prayer

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary (**here kiss your Brown scapular** — as a sign of your consecration this carries a partial indulgence).

I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with it the offering of my every thought, word and action of this day.

O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can, and I offer them together with myself, to Mary Immaculate, that She may best apply them to the interests of Thy Most Sacred Heart.

Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! - Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! - Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

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The Brown Scapular and Our Lady's Promise

What is the Scapular?

The brown Scapular is a smaller version of the Scapular worn by Carmelite Friars and Nuns. The full model they wear served originally as a sort of apron: a long strip of material with a hole in the middle for the head, which when put on would reach full length front and back.

The small version you will wear will be two bits of brown cloth, about 2 x 1.5 inches (50 mm x 35 mm) joined by tapes which lie over one's shoulders. It is worn underneath one's clothes. A Scapular medal can be used instead, less obtrusively perhaps, but the Pope wishes that the scapular medal should not be worn in place of the cloth scapular without sufficient reason. The scapular medal has not been noted for the miraculous preservations attributed to wearing the brown cloth scapular.

What is its History?

St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelite Order at Aylesford in Kent, was the man God chose to accomplish great work in the Carmelite Order. About 1251, when difficulties seemed insurmountable, Simon had recourse to Mary, whom he loved.

Tradition assures us that she appeared to him and made the Scapular of the Carmelite habit a sign of her special love and a pledge of her motherly protection, saying "Whoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire." Thus the Scapular, when devoutly worn, is a pledge of eternal salvation.

Eventually non-Carmelites - lay people - were allowed to be affiliated to the Order and, by wearing the Scapular, to have an assurance that they would share in its spiritual benefits.

Why wear it?

Precisely for that reason. To be enrolled in the Scapular confraternity and wear the Scapular entitles one to a special relationship to Carmelite Saints (Thérèse of Lisieux, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, amongst others). It entitles one to a share in the prayers and good works of all Carmelite Nuns and Friars alive today.

But above all it is a way of publicly entrusting oneself to Our Lady. And daily - when one notices one's scapular, say dressing and undressing, and perhaps kisses it - one accepts again with joy that one is sheltered by "her" cloak, as it were, and is claiming her special protection. On 13th October 1917, at the 'Great Apparition' of Fatima, the children saw Our Lady as Queen of Carmel, with the scapular. We can more than reasonably assume she encourages this devotion.

So what should I do?

Get a scapular, and get it blessed by any priest and then get "enrolled". Here are prayers for the blessing of the scapular, and for enrolment: if you hand the priest this sheet, he can do it for you without difficulty.

Blessing of the Scapular

"O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of mankind; by Thy right hand sanctify this scapular (these scapulars) which Thy servant(s) will devoutly wear for the love of Thee and of Thy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel; so that, by her intercession, they may be protected from the wickedness of the enemy and persevere in Thy grace until death; Who livest and reignest for ever and ever." (The priest now sprinkles the Scapular with Holy Water.)

