

**Procedure for the Blessing and Investiture
Of the Scapular of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Priest - Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy.

Respondent- And grant us Thy salvation.

Priest - Lord, hear my prayer.

Respondent - And let my cry come unto Thee.

Priest - The Lord be with you.

Respondent - And also with you.

Priest - Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, sanctify by Thy power these scapulars, which for love of Thee and for love of Our lady of Mount Carmel, Thy servants will wear devoutly, so that through the intercession of the same Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and protected against the evil spirit, they persevere until death in Thy grace. Thou who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

THE PRIEST SPRINKLES HOLY WATER AND INVESTS PERSON(S) WHILE SAYING:

Receive this blessed Scapular and beseech the Blessed Virgin that through Her merits, you may wear it without stain. May it defend you against all adversity and accompany you to eternal life. Amen.

AFTER THE INVESTITURE THE PRIEST CONTINUES WITH THE PRAYERS:

I, by the power vested in me, admit you to participate in all the spiritual benefits obtained through the mercy of Jesus Christ by the Religious Order of Mount Carmel.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and earth, bless you, He who has deigned to join you to the confraternity of the Blessed Virgin Of Mount Carmel; we beseech Her to crush the head of the ancient serpent so that you may enter into possession of your eternal heritage, through Christ our Lord.

Respondent - Amen.

THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL: OUR LADY'S GREAT PROMISE

On July 16, 1251, in Aylesford, England, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock. She was dressed in the Habit of the Carmelite Order with her infant Son in her arms. Taking the Scapular in her right hand, she gave it to him saying, "RECEIVE, MY BELOVED SON, THIS SCAPULAR. WHOSOEVER DIES WEARING THIS SCAPULAR SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE IT SHALL BE A SIGN OF SALVATION, A PROTECTION IN DANGER AND A PLEDGE OF PEACE."

For over 700 years, the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel has been one of the most precious gifts and highly-indulgenced Sacramentals of our Church. It is more than that, however; it is in reality a garment, given to us by Our Blessed Mother which makes us her special children. Blessing and clothing with the Scapular of the 'Blessed Virgin of Mt. Carmel' enrolls the individual in the Scapular Confraternity and admits him to a share in all the spiritual works performed by the Religious of Mount Carmel.

At Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917, Mary appeared as Our Lady of Mt.. Carmel, holding the Brown Scapular in her hand. Years later, Lucia, the remaining seer of Fatima, said that "Our Lady wants all to wear the Scapular as their sign of Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart."

THE SABBATINE (OR SATURDAY) PROMISE

In 1322, Our Lady appeared to Pope John XXII and made another promise for those who wore her Scapular faithfully, practiced Chastity according to their state in life, and said certain prayers known as the "LITTLE OFFICE"*: "I, THE MOTHER OF GRACE, SHALL DESCEND ON THE SATURDAY AFTER THEIR DEATH AND WHOMSOEVER I SHALL FIND IN PURGATORY, I SHALL FREE."

*NOTE: The ROSARY may be substituted for the LITTLE OFFICE when permission is obtained from a priest.

REMEMBER, ALL PRIESTS HAVE THE FACULTY TO ENROLL PEOPLE IN THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL.

INVESTITURE IS NECESSARY FOR THE SABBATINE PROMISE OR PRIVILEGE.
(See Reverse)