

BLESSING OF THE SCAPULAR

The receiving scapular kneels. The priest, wearing a stole, says:

C: Our help is in the name of the Lord

P: Who made heaven and earth

C: The Lord be with you

P: And with Your spirit

C: Let's pray.

Almighty everlasting God,

who dost graciously defend Thy Church from the wiles of the devil, through Saint Michael the Archangel, we humbly implore Thee, to bless and sanctify + this scapular introduced for arousing and fostering devotion among Thy faithful towards this great protector.

And do Thou grant that all who wear it may be strengthened by the same Holy Archangel, so as to vanquish the enemies of body and soul, both in this life and at the hour of death.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the scapular with holy water and then puts it on, saying:

C: Brother (sister), accept this scapular of St Michael the Archangel, that, with His constant help, you could live in holiness.

It is recommended that during the imposition the word "Brother" or "Sister" be replaced with the name of the one receiving scapular.

After bestowing, the priest says the following prayer and gives the blessing:

C: Let's pray.

Lord, look upon us praying

and kindly hear the supplication of your servant

dedicated to the special protection of Saint Michael the Archangel

that through his intercession s/he may avoid any offence against You and may reach holiness in this life

and after death the prize of eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.