

BLESSING & INVESTITURE WITH SCAPULAR OF BVM OF MERCY

The one who is to receive the scapular is kneeling. The priest, vested in surplice and white stole, says:

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Lord, show us your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

P: Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry be heard by you.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: May He also be with you.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, who condescended to clothe yourself in our mortal nature, we beg you in your boundless goodness to bless + this garment, which our holy fathers have sanctioned to be worn in token of innocence and holiness. May he, who is to wear it, deserve likewise to put on you, who live and reign forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

The Priest sprinkles the scapular with holy water, and invests the person with it, saying:

By the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and that of the apostles Peter and Paul, which has been granted to me, I present you with the habit of the Order of the BVM of Mercy. This is done in recognition of your devotion to the most holy and Immaculate Mary, Mother of God, as well as to the Order founded in her Name. And having been so enrolled, may it be your good fortune to have the grace of the Holy Spirit in this life, and everlasting glory, the reward of the elect, in the life to come; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Then the "Veni Creator" is said, followed by the versicle:

P: Send forth your Spirit and all things shall be recreated.

All: And you shall renew the face of the earth.

P: Save your servant.

All: Who trusts in you, my God.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: May He also be with you.

Let us pray: Lord, hear our humble prayers, and be pleased to bless + this servant of yours whom we clothe in your holy Name with the habit of the Order of the BVM of Mercy. He deserves out of piety to wear it as long as he lives, so that by your bountiful help he may remain loyal to your Church, and finally attain everlasting life through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

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