



Mission of Divine Mercy

Sanctuary - Monastery - Retreat Center

Faith, So That God Can Act

First Saturday Investiture with Brown Scapular at the Mission of Divine Mercy

Every First Saturday of the month we will have a simple Rite of Investiture with the Brown Scapular after our 8 AM Mass for all those interested. Please bring your own Scapular or you may obtain one at our Sacramental building, which is open whenever the Mission grounds are open.

Origin of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

From the Catholic Encyclopedia: According to a pious tradition the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock at Cambridge, England, on Sunday, 16 July, 1251. In answer to his appeal for help for his oppressed order, she appeared to him with a Scapular in her hand and said: "Take, beloved son this Scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant."

<https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13508b.htm>

Spiritual Meaning of the Brown Scapular

St. John Paul II said in his message to the Carmelite Family:

"I too have worn the Scapular of Carmel over my heart for a long time!...Two truths are evoked by the sign of the Scapular: on the one hand, the constant protection of the Blessed Virgin, not only on life's journey, but also at the moment of passing into the fullness of eternal glory; on the other, the awareness that devotion to Her cannot be limited to prayers and tributes in Her honour on certain occasions, but must become a 'habit,' that is, a permanent orientation of one's own Christian conduct, woven of prayer and interior life, through frequent reception of the Sacraments and the concrete practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In this way the Scapular becomes a sign of the 'covenant' and reciprocal communion between Mary and the faithful: indeed, it concretely translates the gift of His Mother, which Jesus gave on the Cross to John and, through him, to all of us, and the entrustment of the beloved Apostle and of us to Her, who became our spiritual Mother."

http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/2001/march/documents/hf_jp-ii_spe_20010326_ordine-carmelo.html

Rite of Investiture

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/rite-of-blessing-and-enrollment-with-the-brown-scapular-of-our-lady-of-mount-carmel-11829>

For more information on the Brown Scapular please refer to this article of this Catholic encyclopedia: <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13508b.htm>