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Our Lady Rescues Holy Souls



WEARING THE BROWN SCAPULAR is akin to wearing a piece of Our Lady's mantle. How blessed are those who don the Brown Scapular with this in mind, taking its meaning to heart. His Majesty said: "When I am lifted up, I will draw all things to myself." St. John of the Cross adds, "Whenever God bestows favors He clothes them with ... love." Love draws beloved souls to the foot of the Cross to stand with His Holy Mother, most especially those clothed with her holy habit.

When those being drawn up do not make it in this life, they must do so in Purgatory. But even there the habit pulls them up quickly to where they long to be, had they truly been the devoted servants of Our Lady. This final loving pull is called the Sabbatine Privilege, meaning souls sent to Purgatory will be released through the aid of Our Lady on her day of the week, the Saturday following their death.

In 1613 the Holy Office under Pope Paul V issued a decree on the Sabbatine Privilege which took account of numerous previous papal bulls, stating: "The Carmelite Fathers may preach that the Christian people can piously believe in the aid of the souls of the brethren and *confratres* of the Sodality of the Most Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel. Through her continuous intercessions, pious suffrages, merits, and special protection the Most Blessed Virgin, especially on Saturday, the day dedicated to her by the Church, will help after their death the brethren and members of the Sodality who die in charity. In life they must have

worn the habit [i.e., the Brown Scapular], observed chastity according to their state, and have recited the Little Office. If they do not know how to recite it, they are to observe the fasts of the Church and to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Saturdays, except for the feast of Christmas."

Desiring many faithful to receive this privilege, Popes Pius XI and Pius XII have encouraged those wearing the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to be especially attentive in their personal lives to the requirement of true Marian devotion. Pope Pius XI wrote: "... although it is very true that the Blessed Virgin loves all who love her, nevertheless those who wish to have the Blessed Mother as a helper in death, must in life merit such signal favor by abstaining from sin and laboring in her honor."

Pope Pius XII added: "We are not here concerned with a light or passing matter, but with the obtaining of eternal life itself which is the substance of the promise of the most Blessed Virgin which has been handed down to us. We are concerned, namely, with that which

is of supreme importance to all and with the manner of achieving it safely... But not for this reason may they who wear the Scapular think that they can gain eternal salvation while remaining slothful and negligent of spirit, for the Apostle warns us: "In fear and trembling shall you work out your salvation" (Phil. 2:12)." In another place he stated: "There is no one



From November 1 to November 8, the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the souls of our benefactors who have died, as well as for the deceased relatives and friends of our benefactors (to participate see reverse side).

who is not aware how greatly a love for the Blessed Virgin Mother of God contributes to the enlivening of the Catholic faith and to the raising of the moral standard. These effects are especially secured by means of those devotions which more than others are seen to enlighten the mind with celestial doctrine and to excite souls to the practice of the Christian life. In the first rank of the most favored of these devotions, that of the holy Carmelite Scapular must be placed — a devotion which, adapted to the minds of all by its very simplicity, has become so universally wide-spread among the faithful and has produced so many salutary fruits.”

Let us always wear our Brown Scapulars devoutly, faithfully fulfilling all of its requirements. Our Lady will not let us languish long in the Purgatorial fires but rather draw us up quickly to the heights of Calvary to rise up free of sinful debts to our heavenly choir stalls.

Finally, let us not forget she uses our present offerings to help others who have gone before us. Let us, then, renew our efforts to help Our Lady rescue souls from Purgatory’s fires.



INDULGENCE

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence offered is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

Good News and Bad News

We are blessed! This last August 15th, two brothers made their final profession, and we have two more brothers in first vows, all attending the seminary of St. Philip in Toronto via zoom. We also have one in the novitiate. But this means we are running out of rooms for so many. But we will save this later newsletter.

We happily found an old but beautiful Italian marble statue of Our Lady that now adorns the apex of our church roof where she overlooks the city. We will soon adorn her with a halo of stars and lots of lighting to illuminate her at night.



At the end of July, we received the welcome news that we had won the appeal made against our long awaited Grotto project. Sadly, however, they appealed again. We now await the next hearing which requires oral arguments in the Kentucky court of appeals. In the meantime, we are considering what legal means may be used to recover some of the expenses these delays have cost. Please keep praying.

HAVE PITY!

YOU AT LEAST, MY FRIENDS...

HEAR your loved ones softly pleading,
From the green graves lonesome lying,
Ever crying:

“Have pity! You at least, my friends. . .”

WHILE the hot skies far are glowing,
Think of pain no relief knowing,
Their prison fires appalling
Their piteous voices calling:

“Have pity! You at least, my friends. . .”

IN the time of sad remembrance,
Give a prayer to old friends gone,
Let your heart with mournful greeting,
Hear their sad appeal repeating:

“Have pity! You at least, my friends. . .”

BY the love in life you bore them,
By the tears in death shed o’er them,
By their words and looks in dying,
Hear their plaintive voices crying:

“Have pity! You at least, my friends. . .”

Prayer For Our Relatives In Purgatory

GOOD JESUS, Whose loving Heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones in Purgatory. O Good Jesus, Who “loved Your own,” hear our cry for mercy, and grant those whom Thou didst call from our homes and hearts, may soon enjoy everlasting rest in the home of Thy love in heaven. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

If you would like to have the names of your beloved deceased included in this octave of Masses, please write them down (index card provided) and send them to us to be placed on the Altar of Sacrifice here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

All donations are used to help us continue to build up the Body of Christ, (checks payable to the Missionaries of St. John the Baptist or just MSJB).



May God reward you!

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