

RECEPTION OF THE BLUE SCAPULAR

The following ceremony of receiving the blue scapular is at the same time the rite of induction into the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary at the Congregation of Marian Fathers. This ceremony may be performed only by a Marian priest or deacon or by clergymen delegated by the Congregation of Marian Fathers.

Since the scapular is a sign approved by the Church and one of its sacramentals, the reception of the Blue Scapular is connected with a special ceremony. The ceremony emphasizes the scapular's significance, points to the obligations ensuing from its acceptance, and speaks about the graces enjoyed by those who worthily wear it.

THE CEREMONY OF BLESSING AND INVESTITURE WITH THE BLUE SCAPULAR

- V.** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R. Who made heaven and earth.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
V. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to share our human nature. We humbly ask You to bless this scapular made in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant that those who are clothed in it lend themselves to moral renewal among people. And may this, your servant, invested with the scapular, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, clothe himself/herself in You, who reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The priest or deacon sprinkles the scapular with holy water and puts it on the recipient, saying:

Brother (Sister), receive this Blue Scapular, from now on a sign of your affiliation with the Confraternity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that by her help you may divest yourself of "the old man." May God grant that you may wear it cleansed of every sin and free of all stain, and thus pass into eternal life.

R. Amen.

By the power granted to me, I admit you to a share in the spiritual benefits of the daily Holy Masses, prayers, and other godly works performed by all Marian priests and brothers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I also admit you to a share in the spiritual benefits of the Order of the Theatine Fathers. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

The priest or deacon extends his hands and gives a solemn blessing. All those present bow their heads:

V. May the Lord, who redeemed the world through His Son born of the Virgin Mary and who deigned to accept you into the Confraternity of her Immaculate Conception, grant you His blessing.

R. Amen.

V. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who gave us the Giver of Life, protect you always.

R. Amen.

V. May the Virgin Mary's Immaculate Conception be your health and protection.

R. Amen.

V. May the Lord grant health, true joy, and eternal happiness to all present here today to honor the Immaculate Virgin.

R. Amen.

V. May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.