



## WHAT IS THE GREEN SCAPULAR?

The Green Scapular (named "The Badge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary" by Our Lady) was given to the world by the Blessed Virgin Mary through a series of apparitions to Sister Justine Bisqueyburo, a Daughter of Charity, in the early 1840's in Paris, France. On the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1840, the Mother of God appeared holding in her right hand her Immaculate Heart, mounted by flames and holding in her other hand a scapular.

The scapular consisted of a simple piece of green cloth, rectangular in shape, hanging from a green string. On one side was an image of Our Lady dressed in a long white gown which reached to her bare feet. Over this she wore a light blue mantle. However, she wore no veil. Instead, her hair hung loosely about her; and in her hands she held her Heart from the top of which gushed abundant flames. Her bearing was enhanced by a heavenly, majestic beauty. On the other side of the scapular was pictured her Immaculate Heart, all ablaze and transparent as crystal, with rays pouring out that appeared more dazzling than the sun. This Heart, pierced with a sword, was encircled by an inscription in the form of an oval and topped by a golden Cross. The inscription read:

*"Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death."*

At the same time an interior voice revealed to Sister Justine that God desired to establish among mankind a more tender and confident appreciation and love of His Most Beloved Mother by means of devotion to her through the title of her Immaculate Heart. When invoked under this title and through this holy image Our Lady would obtain great favors from her Divine Son - especially in the areas of physical health, peace of mind and spiritual conversion. She, who is the Refuge of Sinners, would especially obtain the conversion of those who had fallen away from the True Faith, or who had never possessed it.

Mary wanted copies of the scapular made as soon as possible and distributed with great confidence. Unfortunately there were many delays. Some were caused by the normal, and even healthy, skepticism of Sister's superiors and the Church authorities. Much damage has been caused during the history of the Church by the imaginations of well-intentioned but deluded people. Also, the Bible warns us that satan and his demons can appear as "angels of light". The lives of the Saints are filled with stories of these wretched creatures appearing to human beings under the appearance of messengers from Heaven. They have even appeared as Our Lord or Our Lady! They pretend to be from God so that they can confuse the faithful and lead them astray.

Sister suffered much during this time. Finally, after a thorough investigation and careful discernment, the local Bishop approved the apparitions and was ready to permit the spread of this new sacramental. However, certain questions needed to be answered. What circumstances were necessary to make the scapular effective? Was there a special blessing for it? Was there a ceremony for enrolling persons in its use? Were there any obligations for those who used it? Was the scapular for use only by certain groups of people or in certain situations?

To resolve these difficulties it was decided

that Sister Justine would ask Our Lady herself what God's Holy Will was in these matters. Our Blessed Mother replied during an apparition on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1846 - exactly *six years* after her initial request for this "Badge of the Immaculate Heart".

Our Lady replied: This scapular is not like others (it is not based on a religious habit) but merely two holy images on a single piece of material. Therefore, no special formula is required to bless it or enroll someone in its use. It suffices that it be blessed by a Catholic priest and worn by the one whom we desire to benefit by Our Lady's intercession. If, on the other hand, the person is unable, or even **unwilling**, to wear it or carry it, **it may even be slipped, unknown to them, into their clothes, possessions, home or work environments, etc.**

There is one short prayer that is said, at least once a day (although saying it often is encouraged) :

*"Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen"*

If the person who is the intended beneficiary does not say this prayer, then anyone else can say it for them. The Green Scapular may be used anywhere, for anyone. Miraculous changes have taken place in secular work environments and other public places. We have also seen miraculous gifts of healing given by the Mother of God, for non-Catholics and even non-Christians! Such is the mercy, power, and love of our Heavenly Mother!

The greatest graces are attached to its use; but **these graces are more or less great in proportion to the degree of confidence in Our Lady by the person praying**. This was the meaning of the different levels of brightness of the rays which fell from the Mother of God's hands during her last apparition.

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## HAS THE GREEN SCAPULAR DEVOTION BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE ?

Favors obtained by invoking Our Lady under this title have been truly remarkable. The Society of the Green Scapular was formed specifically because of the incredible miracles obtained from Our heavenly Mother during a brief six-month period. There were miracles of health, peace and conversion. At a major national medical center in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. two people were cured of fatal diseases, just a few days from death! Others were on the verge of suicide. Through the Green Scapular devotion they were given the wisdom to understand why they were so miserable - **and** the strength to make the changes necessary to bring true happiness and hope into their lives. Most importantly, there were truly wonderful graces bringing people in various circumstances back to (or into) the Church Jesus founded - the Roman Catholic Church. Family and friends who had fallen away from the Catholic Faith, and even those who never had the Faith, came to embrace the Sacraments (sometimes after being away a lifetime). People involved in dangerous relationships saw their bad companions change for the better or else the relationship ended. Public environments (such as business, work or schools) witnessed an increase of purity in speech, modesty in dress and charity in behavior.

## WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE SOCIETY'S MEMBERS ?

The Society's members are asked to spread awareness and use of the Green Scapular. There are no quotas. There is no pressure to get others to join. As each member prays for, and obtains, favors from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, their fervor to be more active apostles of this extraordinary gift from Heaven will grow with their confidence. The following summarizes what members are asked:

1. **LEARN** ABOUT THE GREEN SCAPULAR.
2. **GIVE** GREEN SCAPULARS TO THOSE IN NEED OF THE POWERFUL INTERCESSION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.
3. **TEACH** OTHERS ABOUT THE GREEN SCAPULAR AND OUR LADY'S SOCIETY OF THE GREEN SCAPULAR. ENCOURAGE THEM TO USE THE SCAPULAR, GIVE IT TO OTHERS, AND CONSIDER JOINING THE SOCIETY.
4. WHEN YOU **PRAY** FOR YOUR OWN GREEN SCAPULAR INTENTIONS, ALSO INCLUDE THOSE OF ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS AND OF MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART.
5. **GROW IN PERSONAL HOLINESS.** SATAN TOLD ST. JOHN VIANNEY THAT IF THERE WERE JUST A FEW MORE SOULS LIKE ST. JOHN AT THAT TIME, HELL WOULD LOSE ITS GRIP ON THE WORLD! THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF REAL SAINTS - AND JESUS AND MARY WANT TO HELP YOU BECOME THE SAINT THAT YOU WERE CREATED TO BE!  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA SAID: "IF YOU ARE WHAT YOU SHOULD BE, YOU WILL SET THE WHOLE WORLD ON FIRE!"

### WHAT ARE THE PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE SOCIETY OF THE GREEN SCAPULAR ?

The Society exists to promote:

- ✦ The knowledge, awareness and use of the Green Scapular. This sacramental was given to the Church by God Himself to foster throughout the world a deeper appreciation and love for His Mother - and greater confidence in Her unique ability to obtain the greatest favors from Her Divine Son;
- ✦ Devotion, and acts of Reparation, to Jesus and Mary, especially to Their Sacred and Immaculate Hearts;
- ✦ Personal holiness, especially of its members. To this end the Society distributes materials to, and through,

its members that explain and promote the Green Scapular, devotion to Our Lord and Our Lady, and the benefits to be gained thereby.

Finally, **Our Lady stated that the favors She will grant are limited only by the confidence of the people asking for them.** An important aspect, therefore, of this Society is that all members should *always* pray for **all** the Green Scapular intentions of the entire Society throughout the world, in addition to their own. We have already seen truly wondrous miracles because of the prayers of a relatively small number of people. There is no limit to what Our Lady can obtain from Our Lord Jesus Christ, as the Society grows with faithful members.

At Fatima, Our Lady promised: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." The goal then, of this society - The Society of Her Immaculate Heart - is to assist the hastening of the day of the complete victory of Mary's Immaculate Heart when She will crush the head of satan - the ancient enemy of God and humanity - and then reign triumphant with Her Son Jesus Christ.

### HOW DO I OBTAIN GREEN SCAPULARS OR SEND IN PRAYER REQUESTS?

To request prayers for a person or intention, send in all appropriate information. People do not need to be members to request prayers or to be prayed for. For Green Scapulars, request as many as you need. We ask that you **use** them **all** and not keep them unused in a purse or a drawer. Please send a donation to offset our costs. Also, after your prayers are answered, a thanksgiving donation should be sent to help the work of the Society so others can benefit too.

**ANY REQUEST FOR SCAPULARS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A DONATION OF AT LEAST \$1 PER SCAPULAR WILL BE PROCESSED IF AND WHEN WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO FULFILL THE REQUEST.**

### HOW DO I ENROLL IN OUR LADY'S GREEN SCAPULAR SOCIETY ?

Send a request specifying the name, address, phone number, and email of each person to be enrolled. Families may be enrolled under a single address, but specify each name. A welcome packet will be sent explaining the Society and its benefits in detail.

**PEOPLE SHOULD ONLY BE ENROLLED AS MEMBERS WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT.**

### HOW DO I REPORT FAVORS OBTAINED THROUGH THIS DEVOTION ?

**Please report all favors obtained.** They might be used, with your permission, on the Society's website and/or other materials. **Please be exact with details** (i.e. names, dates, places, medical information if applicable, etc.) **if you are reporting a favor obtained.** All facts should be reported clearly and accurately, but the information will be presented by the Society with discretion.

Send all correspondence to:

[contact@greenscapular.com](mailto:contact@greenscapular.com)

- OR -

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### REGARDING DONATIONS:

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