

How to Wear The Green Scapular



How to properly wear or use the Green Scapular:

1. Unlike other scapulars there is no enrollment required to be performed before you wear it. However, it should be **blesed** by a priest.
2. It can be worn around the neck, carried on your person, or placed in a room.
3. If your using it for the healing or conversion of others you have two options in praying the **Green Scapular** prayer:
A...Ask them to wear the scapular and have them say the prayer daily **OR**
B... As already discussed secretly place the scapular near the person, and you say the prayer daily, in faith, on their behalf.

Promised benefits for wearing the Green Scapular:

1. Conversion of those who do not have faith
2. Reconciliation to the Church for those who have lost or strayed from their faith
3. Assurance of a happy death
4. Strengthening of faith for those already in the Church
5. Protection against Satan for those who wear or promote the Scapular

Our Lady also promised that you will see greater results in proportion to your faith and trust: *"The greatest graces come from using the scapular but these graces come in direct proportion to the degree of confidence in me which the user has."*

Devotion to the Green Scapular stands for your belief that Christ wants to heal and save the world.

His mother wants to draw mankind to her Son, and the Green Scapular will act as a point of faith to bring results. Use the **Green Scapular** as a spiritual tool that has a promise of drawing those outside of the faith to seek the mercy and grace of God.

Wearing the **Green Scapular** is also a devotion to live a life of faith. This should encourage you to seek a deeper relationship with Christ, and give you a deep passion to help the lost seek salvation.

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The Green Scapular

One of Mary's Gifts



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

What is the Green Scapular?

The **Green Scapular**, called by Our Lady, "**The Badge of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**," was given to the world by the Blessed Virgin Mary through a series of apparitions to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu, of the Daughters of Charity, in Paris, France. The apparitions began on the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, September 8, 1840. The Mother of God appeared holding in her right hand her Immaculate Heart mounted by flames, while holding in her left 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, and, she wore no veil. Her hair hung loosely about her. In her hands she held her Immaculate Heart. Abundant flames gushed forth from the top of her heart and was enhanced by a majestic heavenly beauty. On the other side of the scapular was pictured her Immaculate Heart, pierced by a sword, and all ablaze and transparent as crystal, with rays pouring out that appeared surmounted by a cross.

The inscription read:

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

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. Sister Justine understood that this new **scapular**, and through this **holy image**, Our Lady would obtain great favors from her Divine Son. Through this **Green Scapular, The Blessed Mother** would obtain the conversion of those who had **fallen away** from the True Faith, while coming to the aid of poor sinners, who had **none**. Mary wanted copies of the scapular made known as soon as possible and distributed with great confidence.

Unfortunately there were many delays caused by the normal and even healthy skepticism from Sister Justine's superiors and Church authorities. It takes time to discern that apparitions are genuine. 

After a thorough investigation, the local bishop approved the apparitions. But, before permitting the spread of this new sacramental, he requested that certain aspects of this devotion be clarified. Since Our Lady never made known the requirements for wearing this scapular, the bishop requested that the following questions 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 what is God's Holy Will in these matters. On September 8, 1846, exactly six years after the initial request for this "**Badge of the Immaculate Heart**" to be established, Our Blessed Mother again appeared to Sister Justine.

Our Lady replied: This **scapular** is not like others (it is not the clothing-habit of a confraternity) but merely two holy pictures 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 priest, and worn by the one whom we desire to receive the benefits of Our Lady's intercession. If, on the other hand, the person is unable or even unwilling to wear the scapular, then, it may unknowingly be placed in their clothing, bed, home or their personal possessions, etc.

There is only one prayer that needs to be said, at least once a day: "**Immaculate heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.**" If the person who is the intended beneficiary of the scapular's use does not say the prayer, then someone else can say it on his behalf. The **Green Scapular** may be used anywhere, for anyone.

The Green Scapular was twice approved by Pope Pius IX, in 1863, and again in 1870 when he said: "*Write to these good Sisters that I authorize them to make and distribute it.*"

The Scapular is propagated as to procure a holy and peaceful death for its devotees.