

THE SHORT FORM FOR BLESSING AND INVESTITURE WITH THE SCAPULAR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

(Which can be used more conveniently by the officiating priest especially in a private investiture or when large numbers are being received.)

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The one who is to receive the scapular is kneeling. The priest, vested in surplice and white stole or at least the latter, says:

P: Lord, show us your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

P: Lord, heed my prayer.

All: And let my cry be heard by you.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: May He also be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, sanctify by your right hand this habit, which is to be worn by your servant in love and devotion to you and your blessed Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. By her intercession may he (she) be defended from the evil foe and persevere in your grace until death. We ask this of you who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Then he sprinkles the habit with holy water, and invests the person with it, saying to each one:

Take this blessed habit, and call on the most holy Virgin, that by her merits you may keep it spotless, be protected by her from all adversity, and attain everlasting life.

All: Amen.

By the power granted me I receive you as a partaker of all the spiritual favors which, by the merciful help of Jesus Christ, are enjoyed by the religious of the Order of Carmelites; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, bless you, He who graciously chose you for the confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We pray to her that in the hour of your death she will crush the head of the ancient serpent, so that you may finally possess the palm and crown of the everlasting inheritance; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

He sprinkles the person with holy water. If several are being received the plural forms are used. If only the habit is to be blessed, the blessing begins with the versicle Lord, show us your mercy, and concludes with the prayer Lord Jesus Christ, etc.