

The Medal of St. Benedict.

PART IV

THE POWER AND EFFECTS OF THE MEDAL:

Let us state here that we do not ascribe any unknown or hidden power to the Medal; a power, which the superstitious ascribe to their charms. That would be quite sinful. We know wherein its power lies and we protest that the graces and favors are due, not to the gold or the silver, the brass or aluminum of the Medal, but TO OUR FAITH in the merits of Christ crucified, to the efficacious prayers of our Most Holy Father Benedict and to the blessings which the Holy Church bestows upon the Medal and upon those who wear it. It should be on the person at all times. This Medal excludes every power or influence which is not from above. Through the pious use of the Medal of St. Benedict thousands of miracles and wonderful cures have been obtained. It is, indeed, edifying to see how the faithful love and venerate this highly blessed Medal. This holy article has proven to be a remedy for almost every evil.

The Medal is, therefore, a powerful means:

- (1) To destroy witchcraft and all other diabolical influences.
- (2) To keep away the spells of magicians, and wicked minded persons.
- (3) To impart protection to persons tempted, deluded or tormented by evil spirits.
- (4) To obtain the conversion of sinners, especially those in danger of death.
- (5) To serve as an armour in temptations against Holy Purity.
- (6) To destroy the effects of poison.
- (7) To protect against contagious diseases.
- (8) To help expectant mothers for safe delivery.
- (9) To afford protection against storms and tempests on land, sea and air.
- (10) To protect domestic animals infected by disease or plagues.
- (11) To protect soldiers on the battle field.
- (12) To procure the aid of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph and St. Benedict in the hour of death.

