

The Medal of St. Benedict.

PART V

THE USE OF THE MEDAL OF ST. BENEDICT:

The Medal of St. Benedict may be worn about the neck, attached to the scapular or the Rosary, or otherwise carried devoutly about one's person. For the sick it can be placed on wounds, dipped in the medicine or in the water which is given to the sick to drink.

The Medal is frequently put into the foundation of houses, or in walls, hung over doors, or fastened on stables and barns to call down God's protection and blessing. It is also buried in fields as the saintly Father Paul of Moll advised his friends to do. He reminded them, however, not to use the same Medal for their own person and for the cattle or the field, but to have Medals for each of the different purposes.

No particular prayers are prescribed, for the very wearing and use of the Medal is considered a silent prayer to God to grant us, through the merits of St. Benedict, the favors we request. However, for obtaining extraordinary favors it is highly recommended to perform special devotions in honor of the Holy Father St. Benedict, for instance on Tuesday, which is the day of the week associated with St. Benedict. The Way of the Cross is also highly recommended or a novena to St. Benedict. His feast is Celebrated March 21st. two days after the feast of St. Joseph. Since his feast day usually falls during the latter days of lent, and proper celebration cannot be given it, in July the feast is celebrated once again. Therefore, on July 11, we observe the Celebration of the Solemnity of St. Benedict.

Those who devoutly wear the Medal of St. Benedict and pray for the propagation of his holy order, share in all the good works, Masses, Communion, Divine Office, prayers and fasts of the Benedict Monks and Nuns.