

# The Medal of St. Benedict.

## PART VI - - CONCLUSION:

INDULGENCES - in the use of the Medal of St. Benedict:

An indulgence is "the remission of the temporal punishment due to God for the sins already forgiven as to guilt; it is a remission granted by ecclesiastical authority to the faithful, from the superabundant treasury of the satisfactory merits of Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Lady our Most Holy Mother, and of the Sainth." Even though the sins are forgiven, the punishment due to those sins remains to be remitted, and indulgences are a great help in the matter.

The following indulgences have been granted to those who habitually wear or keep with themselves the Medal of Saint Benedict:

### P L E N A R Y I N D U L G E N C E S

A plenary indulgence may be gained on the following feasts of Our Lord:

Christmas	Easter	Ascension
Epiphany (Jan 6)	Pentecost	Pentecost
Trinity Sunday	Corpus Christi	

A plenary indulgence may be gained on the following feasts of Our Lady:

Immaculate Conception (Dec. 9)  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin (Sept. 8)  
Purification of the Blessed Virgin (Candlemas-Day, Feb. 2)  
Annunciation (March 25)  
Assumption (August 15)

A plenary indulgence may be gained on the principal feasts of our Order:

St. Maurus, (January 15)  
St. Scholastica, (Sister of St. Benedict - (Feb. 10)  
St. Benedict, (March 21)  
Dedication of the Basilica of Monte Cassino, (October 1)  
St. Placidus, (October 15)  
All Saints of our Order (November 13)  
St. Gertrude, (November 17)  
All Soul's Day, (November 2)

--AND--

ONCE (one time only) each year on any day chosen.

At the hour of death.

(The usual conditions are required for the gaining of these indulgences, namely: confession, Communion, visit to a church where possible, and prayers according to the intention of the Supreme Pontiff.

In these days, a visit to a church can be quite impossible.

It is the opinion of the Abbot, that in such an extreme case where a church is unavailable, the same treasury of indulgences can be offered to those who make use of some holy and pious corner in their homes. The usual conditions are required.

It would be repugnant to think of God as being One to shut off nourishment to good willed people who are denied their Catholic rights simply because they refuse to be member to a church that has lost its identity as truly Catholic. It would be reasonable to think that God would double the benefits to those who struggle to retain their faith untarnished.

### T H E " T O T I E S Q U O T I E S " I N D U L G E N C E

A great privilege connected with the Jubilee medal by the decree of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences: February 27, 1907 deserves special mention: the Toties Quoties Plenary Indulgence on All Souls' Day - November 2.

By virtue of this decree all who habitually wear the Jubilee Medal can gain a plenary indulgence AS OFTEN AS (toties quoties) THEY VISIT ANY CHURCH AND PRAY ACCORDING TO THE INTENTION OF THE SUPREME PONTIFF AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS ON ALL SAINTS' OR ON ALL SOULS' DAY.

This great indulgence for the Poor Souls may be gained from 12:00 M. on All Saints' Day until 12:00 Midnight on All Souls' Day. For 36 hours you may gain as many plenary indulgences as you make visits.

Once again, it seems reasonable to believe that one who finds it quite impossible to visit a church, as mentioned above, can in GOOD FAITH make use of a pious and holy corner in the home, and gain the same merits for the Poor Souls.

The usual formula of prayers is: six Our Fathers, six Hail Marys and six Doxologies.