

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL SCAPULAR

To properly care for a St. Michael the Archangel scapular, ensure it is blessed by a priest and worn continuously, ideally under clothing. Recite the short prayer of exorcism, composed by Pope Leo XIII, daily. It is also recommended to make the act of consecration to St. Michael, especially on the first Tuesday of the month during any communal devotion.

Here is a more detailed explanation:

1. **Blessing and Investiture:**

The scapular is to be blessed by a priest or deacon and the wearer shall be invested in the scapular by the priest according to the Roman Catholic Church's ritual and tradition.

2. **Wearing:**

Wear the scapular constantly, ideally under clothing, so that one part rests on the wearer's chest and the other on their back.

3. **Praying:**

The recipient is to recite the short prayer of St. Michael, composed by Pope Leo XIII (1884), daily.

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls."

4. **Consecration:**

The wearer should make the Act of Consecration to St. Michael.

5. **Other Considerations:**

While wearing it constantly is recommended, it can be removed for activities like showering. If the scapular breaks and becomes unserviceable, the entire scapular (since it is a blessed article) is to be either burned or buried entirely.

6. **Confraternity:**

Upon receiving the scapular, you become part of the Confraternity of the Scapular, affiliated with the Michaelite Fathers, and share in the merits of St. Michael, the Archangel. (<https://stmichael.com/the-confraternity/>)