

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

**The Feast Day of St. Simon Stock is on May 16th which was this past Saturday.**

It was in 1251 that Our Lady of Mount Carmel appeared to St. Simon Stock and gave him the Brown Scapular. I have linked a video if you would like to know more about the Brown Scapular.

<https://discalcedcarmel.org/st-simon-stock-and-the-brown-scapular/>

**"July 16<sup>th</sup> is the feast day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.** This is in remembrance of the day in 1251 when Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a monastic who was living in England. She appeared with the Brown Scapular in hand and uttered these words: 'Take, beloved son, this scapular of thy order as a badge of my confraternity and for thee and all Carmelites a special sign of grace; whoever dies in this garment, will not suffer everlasting fire. It is the sign of salvation, a safeguard in dangers, a pledge of peace and of the covenant.'"

I encourage you to read the article related to the Brown Scapular found at the link below.

<https://catholicexchange.com/our-lady-of-mt-carmel-and-the-brown-scapular>

Devotions like the Brown Scapular help in times when we are facing things like the COVID-19 pandemic. Clothing ourselves with helps from heaven protect and strengthen us in our faith. I do want to encourage you to stay positive, and if any of you are struggling, please reach out for help.

Be assured of my prayers for all of you.

Don't lose hope, keep the faith, trust in God. Jesus, I Trust in You! Please keep praying the rosary.

In Christ,

Fr. Dan