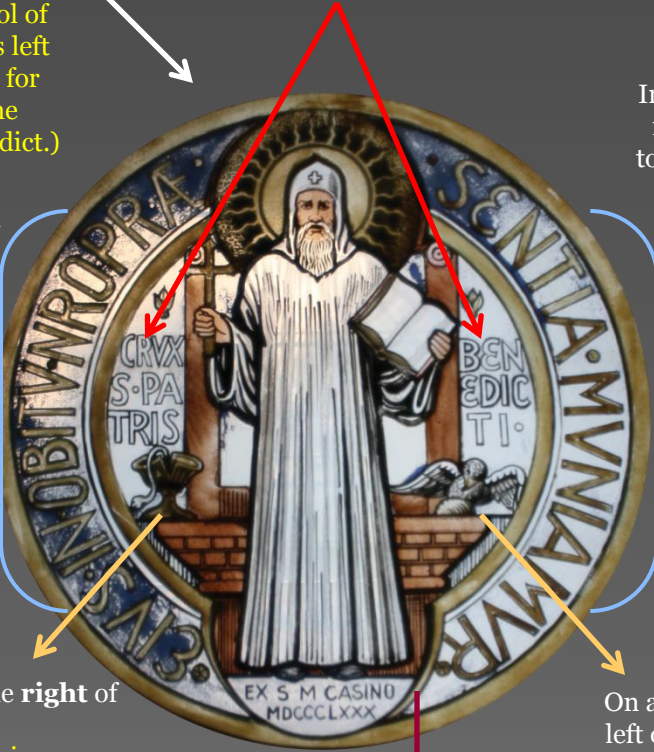


In the center-
is the image of
St. Benedict.
In his right hand he
holds the Cross, the
Christian symbol of
salvation. In his left
hand is his Rule for
Monasteries (The
Rule of St. Benedict.)

Juxtaposed to St. Benedict on both sides-
CRUX S PATRIS BENEDICTI
"The Cross of the Holy Father Benedict"



Obverse

At the feet of St. Benedict-
**EX S M CASINO
MDCCCLXXX**
"From the Holy Mount
of Cassino, 1880"

On that date, Monte Cassino
was given the exclusive right
to produce this medal.

Inscribed
around St.
Benedict on both
the right and left
margins-
**EJUS IN
OBITU NRO
PRAESENTIA
MVNIAMVR**
"May his
presence protect
us in the hour of
death."

Inscribed in the
margin at the
top of the cross-
PAX
"Peace"

On a pedestal to the
left of St. Benedict-
is a raven about to
carry away the loaf
of poisoned bread
that a jealous enemy
sent to St. Benedict.

CRUX



SANCTI

"The Cross of the
Holy Father Benedict"

PATRIS



BENEDICTI

At the angles of the cross,
are the letters :C.S.P. B.-



Reverse

Inscribed around the Cross on
the left margin are these letters:
S.M.Q.L.I.V.B.-
**SUNT MALA QUAE LIBAS;
IPSE VENENA BIBAS**
"The drink you offer is evil;
drink that poison yourself."

Inscribed around the Cross on
the right margin are these
letters: V.R.S.N.S.M.V.-
**VADE RETRO SATANA;
NUNQUAM SUADE MIHI
VANA**

"Be gone Satan! Suggest not to
me thy vain things."

The letters on the
vertical beam
of the
Cross: C.S.S.M.L -
**CRUX SACRA
SIT MIHI LUX**
"May the holy Cross
be my light."

The letters on the
horizontal beam
of the Cross:
N.D.S.M.D.-
**NON DRACO
SIT MIHI DUX**
"Let not the
dragon be my
guide."

SAINT BENEDICT MEDAL