

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(16) Bloom Where You are Planted

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There was a cleric from the church of [Aquino](#) who was being tormented by an evil spirit. [Constantius](#), his good bishop, had already sent him to visit several holy shrines in hopes of curing him. The cleric was not healed by his pilgrimages, so he was brought to Benedict who drove the evil spirit from him by heartfelt prayers to Christ. Benedict told the healed cleric to go his way, but to abstain from meat and to never advance to the priesthood. Benedict told him, "If you ignore my warning you will find yourself once again under the power of Satan." At first the man did as Benedict instructed, but as years passed by and he watched his friends ordained to the priesthood, he very much desired to be ordained himself. Disregarding Benedict's warning, he presented himself for ordination and was instantly seized by the devil and tormented mercilessly until he died.