

THE MIRACLES OF ST. BENEDICT

(11) Out of the Rubble

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On another occasion, Benedict's monks were increasing the height of a stone wall at the monastery. The devil appeared to Benedict and remarked that he was going to visit the monks at the site of the construction work. Benedict quickly sent word to the monks to be on their guard against the evil that would soon be among them. Just as the warning reached them, the devil overturned a wall, crushing a young monk. The monks were unconcerned about the ruined wall but were very upset by the death of the young man. Benedict directed them to bring the boy's broken body to him. They carried him on a sheet because every bone in his body had been crushed. They laid him in Benedict's cell and were directed to leave as the saint began to pray. That very hour, to the astonishment of the monks, the boy was healed and sent back to his work.