

Words from our Oblates



Being an oblate is a fulfillment of a longing to find a deeper spirituality. Benedictine spirituality is a gift from God for me.”

— Sue, OblOSB



Being an oblate means waking up every day and finding a way to live in union with God. It’s a way for me to reset my life compass toward God. At the end of each day, it’s a way for me to look back at my thoughts and actions and see where I said “yes” to God, and where I said “no.”

— Jerry, OblOSB



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**Learn more about what it
means to become an oblate**



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OBLATES

of Benet Hill Monastery



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*A contemporary Benedictine monastic
presence for the world.*



What is an Oblate?

Oblates are adults who offer themselves for service to God and others.

Benedictine oblates seek to manifest Christ's presence in the world through the Benedictine practices of prayer and work. They strive to live a life of service in community with their families, friends, and work relationships. They also form a loving and supportive community with the sisters and oblates of the monastery.

Who becomes an Oblate?

Those who are still gainfully employed or fully retired. People who identify with the Christian faith or other faiths or those seeking a spiritual path. Queer, straight, male, female or transitioning. In short, anyone who desires a closer relationship with God and a loving community may wish to become an oblate.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do oblates take vows like the Benedictine Sisters?

Oblates do not take vows and usually do not live at a monastery. They do make promises to seek God more intensely by practicing Benedictine spirituality and partnering with a particular Benedictine monastery as much as their daily life allows.

Why become an oblate?

Individuals and couples who have a strong desire to find God and participate in a community grounded in love may wish to take this step. Oblates associate themselves with a particular Benedictine monastery so that they may share in the spiritual life, prayers and works of the community. By sharing in the Benedictine way of life, they strive to live fully through studying Christ's teaching in the Scriptures and following contemporary expressions of the Rule of Benedict.

Who leads the oblate program at Benet Hill Monastery?

As part of the monastery's shared leadership model, the Oblate Advisory and Action Team (OAAT) are the leaders of the oblate program. They are ably assisted by Sister Clare Carr, OSB.

What is the first step toward becoming an oblate at Benet Hill Monastery?

The first step is to contact the monastery so that we may provide you with a packet of introductory information about Benedictine oblates and becoming an oblate. You may also wish to attend an oblate meeting or service event through one of the active covenant groups.

