



Benedictine Oblates of Nebraska

Associated with Sacred Heart Monastery

October 2005

OBLATE ASSIGNMENTS

LINCOLN CHAPTER:

Sun., Oct 9, 2005 7-9 p.m. North Commons
Mon., Oct 10, 2005, 7-9 p.m. Flanagan Room
Path of Life, Chapter 9, Liturgy of the Hours, pgs 122-136. (We will study the Chapter on Eucharist at a later date.)

LINCOLN NEW MEMBERS ONLY: Special session, Saturday, Oct 29, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Flanagan Room for orientation to the Divine Office, confirmation of Initial Oblation and practice for ceremony.

HASTINGS CHAPTER: St. Michael's Church, Family Room
Sat., October 1, 2005 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Preferring Christ, Chapt 43-46 & Interlude VII pgs. 114-121
New members: Formation Handbook assignment

STEINAUER CHAPTER: Banquet Hall, across from St. Anthony's Church
Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, 7-9 p.m. (This is our October meeting) I will be in retreat Oct. 2-8, 2005, Text: Path of Life, Ch. 7, Prayer, pgs 88-102

OMAHA CHAPTER: All Saints Episcopal Church, 9302 Blondo
Tuesday, October 11, 2005, 7-9 p.m.
Text: Preferring Christ, Chapters 39-44, pgs., 111-118
New members: Formation Handbook assignment

NOTES FROM THE WORLD CONGRESS IN

ROME: For those of you who do not have email, we have been getting some great notes from Carol Olson and Marti Fritzen. Here are some excerpts from Carol! "So far we have met lots of nice Oblates from all over the world! Our current accommodations are spartan, but all we do there is sleep anyway, they have us going until 10 pm most evenings. The food here is GREAT! Wonderful pasta and wine with lunch and dinner!" "Saturday we go to Monte Cassino (St. Benedict's Abbey), and Sunday to Castel Gondolfo for an audience with Pope Benedict." "Yesterday we received a bound

copy of all of the presentations plus a CD-ROM with the same presentations, all translated into 5 languages!" And from Marti: "Greetings from Rome! The presentations are very interesting and enlightening. They are translated in 5 languages much as in the style of the United Nations. There are so many countries represented and so many languages."

LITURGY OF THE HOURS AT UNL-NEWMAN CHAPEL-WE NEED YOUR HELP:

I have visited with Father Robert Matya, Chaplain, at the Newman Center. We would like to begin Liturgy of the Hours (Vespers) at the Newman Center Chapel beginning Tuesday, November 1, 2005 at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will need your help in leading and being present. Many of you have been leading prayer and even if you have not had an opportunity to lead, I will be happy to get you started. We will organize and arrange leadership according to the times that you have available. There are students/faculty/staff of UNL who already say the Liturgy privately but as we know, the Liturgy is a communal prayer. Having the opportunity to do it verbally, in the monastic tradition, is a sacred action. I would like you call or email me to let me know soon if you can assist. Father Matya is providing the Shorter Christian Prayer for us to use. Please do not feel that you are not able to do this – God gives us the grace. I look forward to having you join me in sharing our Benedictine spirituality for the students/faculty/staff of UNL. Sister Phyllis 488-6731 or phunhoff@ix.netcom.com.

UNL STUDENT OBLATES FALL SESSION

TO BEGIN Tuesday, October 25 at 10:30 am at the Newman Center, first floor, 16th and R Street, across from the Lutheran Center. If you know of a UNL student that might be interested, we will welcome your inviting them and letting them know the date. We spend one hour to study of the Rule, experience lectio and say the Liturgy of the Hours.

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE - A DATE FOR YOU TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, January 22, 2006, the Nebraska Oblates have been personally invited by Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB., of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN to join Abbot John Klassen and the parishioners of St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha for their 9:30 am Eucharist, followed by a reception and the opening of an exhibit that celebrates the history and sacred art of the Bible with calligraphy by the famous calligrapher Donald Jackson of Wales. In the afternoon, we will adjourn to the Joslyn Art Museum where we can hear Donald Jackson and tour Illuminating the Word. They were recently at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts with 60,000 visitors. We will begin a sign up program and plan to car pool to this event. This exhibit will be available until April 15, 2005. Should you wish to bring a group later you may contact Molly Zimmer at Joslyn for reservations at 402-342-3300, ext. 206.

OBLATE NEWS:

- Dixie Tripe, Hastings Oblate: I am heading a pilgrimage to France May 29-June 9, 2006. We will be seeing approximately 10 shrines and the beaches of Normandy. The cost is \$2795 with an earnest payment of \$300 due by/about Oct. 1. Father Jamie Hottovy is our chaplain. Contact me for more information at 402-463-2621 or dtripe@esu9.org.
- Pastor Duncan Miller, Oblate Novice: A retreat experience that I led for the Regional Ministers of my denomination was very well received. I chose to frame the day around spiritual movements and counter movements, as understood by Ignatius. I would love the opportunity to share it with others. If you know of any groups that might be interested, please feel free to contact me at 327-0511 or duncanmil@msn.com. My ministry is also my churches outreach ministry, so I do not accept any gratuities for this ministry.
- The Rev. Canon Maurice Champion-Garthe ("Mo" still does just fine!), Oblate: I have a new call as the Canon to the Ordinary (bishop's assistant) in Helena, MT. Blessings to all!
- Karen Tyler, Oblate Novice (She said this can be shared): I have been going through some trials this summer. I have been looking for a book that would help me deal with the chronic pain I live with day in and day out. The Spirit led me to a book that I didn't see on our booklist so it might be new to you and

others. Broken Body, Healing Spirit – "Lectio Divina and Living with Illness" by Mary C. Earle. I am becoming more comfortable in my body and excited about all the blessings that are mine because of my pain. The author is an Episcopal priest, writer and retreat director whose ministry focuses on spiritual direction, contemplative prayer, and interfaith dialogue. She suffers mainly from Lupus and has such faith. Her adaptation of the ancient Benedictine practice of lectio divina is creative and inviting. I would recommend this book to anyone that is suffering from serious, chronic, and terminal illness.

- Marcia Straatmeyer, Oblate: Image Conference - There is a conference being offered, November 10-13, 2005 in Houston, Texas. The theme of the conference is "The Matter of Devotion: Art, Liturgy and the Stuff of Worship". Featured speakers are Kathleen Norris and Nicholas Wolderstorff. Cost is \$110. If you are interested in learning more, you can email them at conference@imagejournal.org.
- Patricia Anderson, Oblate: Thought you might enjoy! Email from God "Good Morning! I am the Lord your God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours. Once the matter is placed in the box, do not hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution. If it is a situation you think you can handle, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution. I do not sleep or slumber so there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away. Love eternally, the Lord your God."
- The Benedictine Peace Center, Sacred Heart Monastery, Yankton, SD has its new retreat program schedule out. Call (605) 668-6292 or email jranek@mtmc.edu.
- St. Benedict Retreat Center: Their new program schedule is out. Call 402-352-8819 or email www.stbenedictcenter.com.