

# – *Spring Oblate Retreat* –

## *“Scripture and the Rule of Benedict”*

Presenter: *Fr. Valerian Odermann, O.S.B.*



Being a product of the Prairie to our “Dakota” neighbor, Fr. Valerian Odermann grew up working as a ranch hand in the badlands of western North Dakota. He became a monk and was ordained a priest of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, ND. His educational background includes studies and degrees in philosophy, mathematics, pastoral theology, religious studies, and education. In his good-humored nature he remarks “educated beyond my intelligence!” His passion for many years has been teaching, which spans a variety of ages from elementary to college level. He says I am, “Privileged to be part of profound transformations and a blessing to get paid for doing what one loves.” He served a decade and a half in Bogotá, Colombia at the Abbey’s foundation (Tibatí). Living “on the edge” where life’s concerns ran deeper than “liking” someone on Facebook. Fr. Valerian came to the southern “Dakota” and is now living in Yankton, SD. He shares, “I’m being made holy by the Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery” where he serves as chaplain to both the Sisters and college students at Mount Marty College.

**Friday, April 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. —**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018 at noon**

This retreat will be offered again on (Presenter pending)

**Friday, October 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. —**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018 at noon**

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The retreat is available to both women and men

| The retreat costs **\$120** Scholarships are available. |

Please Register by **April 20, 2018** for the retreat opportunity listed above.

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To Register: Contact S. Patricia Heirigs by visiting our website at  
<http://yanktonbenedictines.org/oblates> or  
(605) 668-6017 or (605) 668-6000





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# Oblate Newsletter

## SACRED HEART MONASTERY

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### *Upcoming Opportunities:*

The next **Yankton Oblate Meeting** will be on Sunday, February 18, 2018. The Oblates will meet at 1:00 pm in Room 215 at the Monastery. We will discuss chapter 33 on “Leisure and the Benedictine Oblate” and chapter 34 on “Health and Sickness.” Mary Kreber, Marge Stoeber, and Luana Johnson are praying for more vocations to our Monastery, and Luana Johnson is furnishing refreshments.

The new people planning to become Oblates will prepare lesson 4 for the February meeting and meet in the Bethany Room, directly in from the front door.

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***The ceremony for receiving a novice, final oblation, and renewal of oblation*** will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm at our regular Oblate meeting. The Oblation ceremony will be held during our mid-day prayer in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel. Please plan to be present for the ceremony in the Chapel by 12:45 pm, so we can be ready for prayer. A reception will follow in the Chapter Room. Please mark this date on your calendar. Hopefully many of you will be able to be present for your renewal on April 15, 2018.

This year we have seven people preparing to become Novices and at least one making her final Oblation. If there are any of you who were prepared to make your final Oblation but could not make the ceremony at the time, please let me know and we will help you in this process.

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The ***Oblate Retreat*** will be held the weekend of April 27-29, 2018. Please see flyer on the other side of this newsletter.

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### **Spring Theology Institute | How Can Human and Divine Desire Be Reciprocal?**

March 10, 2018 at 9 a.m. - Noon | For: Young Adults and older

Louis Roy, O.P. will describe our awareness of desiring God, with its ambiguities and discuss the suggestion that God may very well desire us. He will show how the Trinity offers us a radical liberation of desire. Location: Sacred Heart Monastery – Chapter Room

Cost: **Free** Contact: S. Marielle Frigge by March 7 for planning purposes; 668-6000 or Email: [mfrigge@mtmc.edu](mailto:mfrigge@mtmc.edu)

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The ***Fourth International Oblate Congress*** was held last November 4-10, 2017, in Rome, Italy. Sacred Heart Monastery had two couples represent us at this Congress. Both couples (Lois and Howard Lehmkuhl of Ames, Iowa, and James and Arlene Rea of Lincoln, NE) are willing to come to Yankton on May 20, 2019, to give us a presentation of their experiences at the Oblate Congress. This presentation will be held at our regular May Oblate meeting at 1:00 pm in our Chapter Room.