



Oblate Newsletter

SACRED HEART MONASTERY

Yankton, South Dakota

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Upcoming Opportunities:

The next *Yankton Oblate Meeting* will be on Sunday, October 21, 2018. The Oblates will meet in Room 215 at 1:00 pm in the Monastery. We will begin our new book, “*Preferring Christ*” by Norvene Vest. Please bring your book if you have one already. We have received more copies of the book and will have them available at the meeting. The cost of the book, including tax, is \$19.17. As you prepare the lesson for this meeting, plan on reading the Foreword, Introduction, and the Prologue. Try to pick one paragraph that you can share with the group.

The new people planning to become Oblates will meet also on **Sunday, October 21, 2018**, at 1:00 pm in the Chapter Room at the Monastery. They should bring their “*Handbook for Benedictine Oblates*” and prepare the first lesson.

If you have a copy of the “*Shorter Christian Prayer*” book, please bring it with you to the meeting as we will begin to use that for Vespers at our monthly meetings.

This coming **Saturday, October 20, 2018**, the Sisters will be having our **Holiday Fair** in the Chapter Room at the Monastery. The Fair is from **9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** and will have homemade jams, jellies, and many of the Sister artists’/crafters’ creations. During the Holiday Fair there will be entertainment by the **Mirable and MMC Choir**. Please plan to attend this annual Holiday Fair.



The *Fall Oblate Retreat* will be from Friday, October 26 – Sunday, October 28, 2018. The presenter will be **Father Valerian Odermann** on the topic, “*Scripture and the Rule of Benedict.*” There is still room, so, if you plan to come, either call, (605-668-6017) or email (patricia.heirigs@mtmc.edu) See the flyer on the back of this page.

— *Fall Oblate Retreat* —

“Scripture and the Rule of Benedict”

Presenter is: *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, October 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. —
Sunday, October 28, 2018 at noon**

The retreat is available to both women and men

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

Please Register by **October 19, 2018**
for the retreat opportunity listed above.

**To Register: Contact S. Patricia Heirigs by visiting our website at
<http://yanktonbenedictines.org/oblates> or
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