

## Oblate Update June 2019

Abbey Oblates gathered on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for a short business meeting that included the introduction of our newly elected Oblate Steering Committee members. Next came our much loved bi-annual shared lectio, which was enjoyed by all, followed by our spring social.

We welcomed three new members to the 2019-2020 Oblate Steering Committee. Oblates serve two years when elected. Congratulations to Oblates Joe O'Brien, Anne Engel and Katherine Burbank! John Hopkins and Doreen McConaghy will serve on the committee for another year. Walt Fraser and Kathleen Jeffrey will come off the committee after serving two years. We will be keeping the committee in our prayers as they take on the task of planning the 2019-2020 program.

Father Albrecht graciously lead our shared lectio and chose to read:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13:

And no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> there are different forms of service but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

<sup>12</sup> As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Group Lectio Divina consists of listening to the leader read a passage from scripture which is repeated four times in this order:

1-Lectio:read or listen for a word or phrase that touches you; 2-Mediatatio:meditate on this word or phrase: 3-Oratio: pray with this word or phrase; 4-Contempatio: contemplate the meaning of this word or phrase for you in the present moment. There is time after each segment for anyone to share a word, phrase, inspiration or prayer that comes to mind.

The beauty in the practice of Lectio is that the word of God enters our hearts and speaks to each of us individually, bringing us closer to God's unconditional love and guidance. We can hold onto this word, phrase or message throughout the day being reminded that God is with us always and knows just what we need!

**Oblates meet the first Tuesday every month August-June with a Day of Recollection in July. For more information go to:**

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