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Glastonbury Abbey Oblates

An Oblate of Glastonbury Abbey is any baptized Christian who is associated with the Abbey and who wishes to join with like-minded individuals to develop and grow spiritually in the context of a formal and ongoing program of prayer, study, learning, reflection, and sharing of the principles of Benedictine monastic spirituality. Among these principles are: Liturgy of the Hours, *Lectio Divina*, community, Word of God, and monastic values in daily living.

Oblates meet monthly on the first Tuesday (except July and August) at the Abbey for a formal meeting. At that time they join the monks in praying Compline at the Abbey Church and then proceed to the Morcone Conference Center to meet for a presentation, discussion, and sharing under the leadership of the Oblate Director.

Ending the Oblate year is a Day of Recollection that is offered at the Abbey and is often held on a Sunday in July. (In the event a Day is not possible, an Evening of Recollection will be held during the June monthly meeting.) This Day of Recollection is centered on Benedictine spirituality and summarizes the previous year's theme and program. Oblates are also encouraged to make a weekend retreat annually.

Oblates are welcome to associate themselves with the Abbey in other areas of the monastic community's life as opportunity allows.

To maintain their membership in good standing, Oblates are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings. The Abbot and Council, in consultation with the Oblate Director, will hear and make exception in particular cases where warranted.

Because of the type of Oblate Program we have developed, Oblates may attend regular meetings either in person or via Zoomlink.

Oblates' Affiliation

Oblates of St. Benedict are women and men who have formally associated themselves with Glastonbury Abbey through a promise with an Act of Oblation in order that they may experience a reciprocal relationship with this specific community of Monks. Oblates are associated with this monastic community in a bond of prayer, love and commitment.

Value of Oblates to a Monastic Community

1. Oblates bring a spiritual strength.
2. Oblates and the monastic community provide mutual affirmation of the commitment to the Benedictine way of life.
3. The monastic community is enriched by the interaction with Oblates.
4. Oblates bring culture and insights (and expertise in many areas) to the community.
5. Oblates serve as a link between the community and the world.
6. The witness of the Oblates living Benedictine charisms in the secular world strengthens community members' love and appreciation for the Benedictine way of life.

Monastery's Expectations of Its Oblates

1. Oblates are committed to their monastery, its values, its culture and its prayer life.
2. Oblates are expected to keep the spirit of St. Benedict alive by the way in which they live:
 - a. Being faithful to their promises made at Oblation;
 - b. Renewing their Oblation annually;
 - c. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours;
 - d. Practicing *Lectio Divina* regularly;
 - e. Attending monthly meetings, Retreats and Days of Recollection;
 - f. Maintaining fidelity to one's Christian tradition.

Oblate Formation and Admission

Lay persons who feel called to follow the *Rule of Benedict* in their daily lives may request permission to enter a process of prayer and study through the Oblate Program at Glastonbury Abbey.

- A. Those who wish to join the Oblates of St. Benedict at Glastonbury Abbey should make themselves known to the Oblate Director and / or a member of the Steering Committee.
- B. Observer: Applicants spend one season of Oblate Meetings (10 months) as an Observer. The Observers study the Rule of St. Benedict in particular and may attend the same meeting as the Oblates. At the end of the ten months, an Observer may ask the Abbot and Council (in writing) to become an Oblate Novice.
- C. Oblate Novice: The Oblate Novice attends meetings with the Oblates for 10-11 months. At the end of that time, the Novice may ask the Abbot and Council (in writing) to make his or her Oblation.

Observers and Oblate Novices are expected to follow in their personal lives the general guidelines provided for Oblates.

Sample Letter of Request To Become a Novice or Make Oblation

A personal letter is suggested or the following format may be used. This letter may be given to the Oblate Director to process via the appropriate Glastonbury Abbey procedure.

Dear Abbot,

Having spent the past year(s) in association with the prayer life of Glastonbury Abbey, I, _____ would like to request further association as a Novice Oblate / Oblate. As I enter into association with Glastonbury Abbey, I will share in the life of prayer and work to the best of my ability to the end that, in all things, God may be glorified.

Sincerely,

Benedictine Saints' Names

Men

St. Adelbert (<i>Archbishop of Prague, "the apostle to the Slavs," martyr</i>) 956 - 997	April 23
St. Aelred of Rievaulx (abbot) 1110 - 1167	January 12
St. Aidan (<i>monk, Abbot of Lindisfarne, missionary Bishop of Northumbria</i>) ? - 651	August 31
St. Alberic (<i>Abbot, one of three Cistercian founders</i>) d. 1109	January 26
St. Anselm (<i>Archbishop of Canterbury, Doctor of the Church</i>) ca. 1033 - 1109	April 21
St. Antony of Egypt (<i>first of the Desert Fathers, eremitical life</i>) ca. 251 - 346	January 17
St. Athanasius (<i>bishop, Doctor of the Church, biographer of St. Antony</i>) 295 - 373	May 2
St. Augustine of Canterbury (<i>archbishop, abbot, missionary</i>) d. 604	May 27
St. Augustine of Hippo (<i>bishop, a founder of monastic life, Doctor of the Church</i>) 354 - 430	August 28
St. Basil (<i>monk, bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>) 329 - 379	January 2
St. Bede the Venerable (<i>monk, historian, Doctor of the Church</i>) 673 - 735	May 25
St. Benedict of Aniane (<i>abbot, reformer of Benedictine life</i>) 751 - 821	February 12
St. Benedict/Benet/Bennet/Bennett of Nursia (<i>Patriarch of Western Monasticism</i>) ca. 480 - 547	March 21 July 11
St. Benedict (or Benet) Biscop (<i>Abbot of Wearmouth</i>) ca. 628 - ca. 690	January 12
St. Bernard (<i>abbot, Doctor of the Church</i>) 1090 - 1153	August 20
St. Boniface/Windrid (<i>bishop and martyr</i>) 680 - 754	June 5
St. Bruno (<i>founder of Carthusians</i>) ca. 1035 - 1101	October 16
St. Columba [Columbkil] (<i>monk, abbot, founder</i>) ca. 521 - 597	June 9

St. David of Wales (<i>reformer of Glastonbury Abbey, bishop</i>) ca. 520 - 589	March 1
St. Dunstan (<i>Abbot of Glastonbury, bishop</i>) 909 - 988	May 19
St. Gall (<i>monk, disciple of Columba</i>) ca. 550 - 640	October 16
St. Gregory the Great (<i>monk, pope, Doctor of the Church</i>) ca. 540 - 604	September 3
St. Gregory Nazianzen (<i>monk, bishop, mystic, Doctor of the Church</i>) ca. 329 - 390	January 2
St. Gregory of Nyssa (<i>monk, bishop</i>) ca. 330 - 395	January 11
St. Henry II (<i>Emperor, Patron of Benedictine Oblates</i>) 973 - 1024	April 13
St. Hilary (<i>Abbot of San Vincenzo</i>) 1011 - ca. 1045	November 21
St. Honorius of Canterbury (<i>monk, Archbishop</i>) d. 653	September 30
St. Hugh (<i>Abbot of Cluny</i>) 1024 - 1109	May 11
St. Jerome (<i>monk, Doctor of the Church</i>) ca. 345 - 420	September 30
Bl. John Arthur Thorne (<i>monk, treasurer of Glastonbury Abbey, martyr</i>) ? - 1539	November 15
St. John Cassian (<i>abbot, founder of monasteries</i>) ca. 360 - 435	July 23
St. Kevin (<i>founder and Abbot of Glendalough</i>) ? - 618	June 3
St. Majol (<i>Abbot of Cluny</i>) 906 - 994	May 11
St. Martin of Tours (<i>monk, bishop</i>) ca. 336 - 397	November 11
St. Maurus (<i>Disciple of St. Benedict</i>) ?	January 15
St. Meinrad (<i>martyr</i>) d. 861	January 21
St. Odilo (<i>Abbot of Cluny</i>) 962 - 1049	May 11
St. Odo (<i>Abbot of Cluny</i>) ca. 880 - 942	May 11
St. Pachomius (<i>abbot, founder of cenobitic monasticism</i>) ca. 292 - 346	May 9
St. Patrick (<i>missionary, bishop, "Apostle of Ireland"</i>) ca. 390 - ca. 461	March 17
St. Peter Celestine (<i>monk, hermit, pope</i>) 1210 - 1296	May 19

St. Peter Damian (<i>abbot, bishop, Doctor of the Church, great 11th century reformer</i>) 1007 - 1072	February 12
Bl. Peter the Venerable (<i>Abbot of Cluny</i>) 1092 - 1156	May 11
St. Placid (<i>Disciple of St. Benedict</i>) ?	January 15
Bl. Richard Whiting (<i>last Abbot of Glastonbury, martyr</i>) ca. 1476 - 1529	November 15
St. Robert of Newminster (<i>Abbot, one of three Cistercian founders</i>) ca. 1100 - 1159	January 26
Bl. Roger James Wilfryd (<i>monk, sub-treasurer of Glastonbury Abbey</i>) ? - 1539	November 15
St. Romuald (<i>abbot, founder of Camaldolese Benedictines</i>) ca. 950 - 1027	June 19
St. Rupert/Hrodbert/Robert (<i>First archbishop - Abbot of Salzburg, "the apostle of Bavaria and Austria"</i>) d. ca. 717	March 27
St. Stephen Harding (<i>Abbot, one of three Cistercian founders</i>) d. 1134	January 26
St. Thomas More (<i>martyr, oblate</i>) 1478 - 1535	June 22

Benedictine Saints' Names

Women

St. Adela (<i>Abbess of Pfalzel</i>) d. ca. 730	December 24
St. Adelaide (<i>Abbess of Willich on Cologne and St. Mary's Cologne</i>) d. ca. 1015	February 5
St. Benedicta (<i>Abbess of Susteren</i>) 10th Century	August 17
Bl. Beatrice d'Este (<i>nun</i>) 1206 - 1226	May 10
St. Brigid of Kildare (<i>abbess of double monastery</i>) ca. 453 - 525	February 1
St. Cecilia (<i>Abbess of Susteren</i>) 10th century	August 17
St. Cunegund (<i>wife of Emperor St. Henry II and nun</i>) d. 1039	March 3
St. Ebba the Elder (<i>First Abbess of Coldingham</i>) d. 683	August 25
St. Edith of Wilton (<i>princess and nun</i>) 961 - 984	September 16
St. Elfleda (<i>Abbess of Ramsey</i>) d. ca. 1000	October 29
St. Elizabeth (<i>Abbess of Schoneau</i>) 1126 - 1164	June 18
St. Elizabeth-Rose (<i>Abbess of Sainte-Marie-du-Rozoy</i>) d. 1130	December 13
St. Emma (<i>mother, widow, service to the poor, nun</i>) d. 1045	June 29
St. Ermengild (<i>Abbess of Minster and Ely</i>) d. ca. 700	February 13
St. Ethelburga (<i>Abbess of Lyminge</i>) d. ca. 647	April 5
St. Etheldreda [Audrey] (<i>Founder and Abbess of Ely, a double monastery</i>) d. 679	June 23
St. Frances of Rome (<i>founded community of Benedictine Oblates of Tor de' Specci</i>) 1384 - 1440	March 9
St. Frideswide (<i>Abbess of St. Mary's, Patron of the City and University of Oxford</i>) d. ca. 735	October 19
St. Gertrude the Great (<i>novice and mystic</i>) ca. 1256 - ca. 1302	November 16
St. Gertrude of Nivelles (<i>abbess of double monastery at Nivelles</i>) ca. 626 - 659	March 17

St. Hedwig (<i>foundress of religious houses in Poland, service to the poor, nun</i>) ca. 1174 - 1243	October 16
St. Hilda (<i>Abbess of Whitby, a double monastery</i>) 614 - 680	November 17
St. Hildegard (<i>Abbess of Bingen</i>) 1098 - 1179	September 17
St. Humbeline (<i>Black Benedictine Abbess of the Cistercian Monastery of Tart, sister of St. Bernard</i>) 1092 (?) - 1135	February 12
St. Ita (Ida) (<i>abbess</i>) ca. 570	January 15
St. Ida of Herzfeld (<i>wife, mother, nun</i>) ca. 766 - 825	September 4
Bl. Joanna Maria Bonomo (<i>Abbess of Bassano, reformer, mystic</i>) 1606 - 1670	March 1
St. Julian of Norwich (<i> anchoress, mystic</i>) ca. 1423	May 13
St. Lioba (<i>Abbess of Bischoffsheim</i>) d. ca. 781	September 28
St. Macrina (<i>sister of St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, abbess of double monastery</i>) ca. 330 - 379	July 19
St. Marcella (<i>widow, monastic</i>) ca. 325 - 410	January 31
St. Mary of Egypt (<i>hermitess</i>) 5th century (?)	April 1
St. Mechtild/Matilda of Hackeborn (<i>nun and mystic</i>) d. 1298	November 19
St. Melania the Younger (<i>wife, mother, widow, ascetic, nun</i>) ca. 383 - 439	December 31
St. Mildred (<i>Abbess of Thanet</i>) d. ca. 700	July 13
St. Paula (<i>widow, monastic</i>) 347 - 404	January 26
St. Rictrudis (<i>Abbess of Marchiennes</i>) d. 688	May 12
St. Sarah (<i>Desert Mother</i>) 4th century	July 13
St. Scholastica (<i>sister of St. Benedict, abbess</i>) ca. 480 - ca. 543	February 10
St. Synclectica (<i>Desert Mother</i>) 380 - ca. 460	January 5
St. Teresa of Calcutta (<i>Abbess, Missionaries of Charity</i>) 1910 - 1997	September 5
St. Therese of Lisieux (<i>sister of Discalced Carmelites</i>) 1873 - 1897	October 1
St. Walburga (<i>Abbess of Heidensheim</i>) ca. 710 - 779	February 25

St. Werburga (*Abbess of Threckingham*)

650 - ca. 700

St. Wulfhilda of Wilton (*nun*)

960 - ?

February 3

September 9

Monastic Calendar

January	2	Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen
	11	Gregory of Nyssa
	12	Aelred of Rievaulx
	15	Maurus and Placid
	17	Anthony of Egypt
	21	Meinrad
	26	Robert, Alberic, Stephen, Abbots of Citeaux
February	1	Brigid of Kildare
	10	Scholastica
	11	Benedict of Aniane
	21	Peter Damian
March	9	Frances of Rome
	21	The Passing of our Holy Father Benedict
April	1	Mary of Egypt
	21	Anselm
May	2	Athanasius
	11	Odo, Mayol, Odelo, Hugh, Peter the Venerable, Abbots of Cluny
	15	Pachomius
	19	Celestine, Dunstan
	25	Bede the Venerable
	27	Augustine of Canterbury
June	5	Boniface
	9	Columba
	19	Romuald
July	11	Benedict
	13	Henry
	19	Macrina
	22	Mary Magdalene
	23	John Cassian
	29	Mary, Martha and Lazarus
August	15	Assumption of Mary, Patroness of the Abbey
	20	Bernard
	28	Augustine
September	3	Gregory the Great
	14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Foundation Day
	17	Hildegard of Bingen
October	16	Hedwig, Gall
November	10	Leo the Great
	11	Martin of Tours
	16	Gertrude the Great
	19	Mechtild, Hilda of Whitby
December	8	Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the Swiss-American Congregation