



Become an oblate at Holy Wisdom Monastery

“Being an oblate gives me the opportunity to examine the life I am living and make adjustments that are peaceful and nurturing to my soul life.”

-Carole, spiritual guide and oblate

Unite with the Benedictine community

The oblates at Holy Wisdom Monastery are an intentional ecumenical community of women and men. Rooted in various faith traditions, they find in the Rule of Benedict a practical spirituality.

In a mutual relationship with the sisters' community, oblates seek God through a balance of prayer, work, leisure and study. They meet regularly to help one another grow spiritually, to nurture the “monk” in each person and to integrate Benedictine spirituality into their lives.

Explore Benedictine spirituality

As an oblate at Holy Wisdom Monastery, you will:

- study the Rule of Benedict
- pray with oblates and the monastic community
- deepen your spirituality
- develop a personal rule of life
- participate in monastery activities

Make a commitment to a larger vision

The oblate candidate:

- has a serious interest in Benedictine spirituality and in her/his own spiritual growth
- desires to be affiliated specifically with Holy Wisdom Monastery
- shows an ability to be self-reflective, to listen and to participate in a growth process
- understands this is a Christian community, although being a Christian is not a requirement

Each candidate has a personal interview with the oblate director. For equally qualified people, priority is given to those who inquire first.

Attend 2011-2012 oblate gatherings

- April 8-10, 2011
- May 20-22, 2011
- July 8-10, 2011
- Sept. 23-25, 2011
- November 11-13, 2011 (optional)
- February 24-26, 2012
- April 13-15, 2012



Learn more about sharing your spiritual journey

- Visit the monastery and explore how you might share a connection with the sisters' community.
- Attend a retreat at the monastery to learn more about Benedictine spirituality and determine if it's right for you.
- Schedule a meeting with Everett Rice at (608) 836-1631, ext. 163 or erice@benedictinewomen.org.