



BECOME an

# Oblate of Holy Wisdom Monastery



*Oblates celebrate 15 years in community, July 2014.*

## UNITE with the Benedictine community

The Oblates of Holy Wisdom Monastery is 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 during your candidate year

As an oblate candidate 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
- participate in the oblate community life

## COMMIT to a larger vision

Individuals who desire to become an Oblate of Holy Wisdom Monastery spend a year of discernment as an oblate candidate. 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.

## ATTEND six oblate gatherings at Holy Wisdom Monastery as a part of the candidate year of discernment

The next candidate class will be formed in the spring of 2018.

## LEARN more about becoming an oblate

- Contact a member of the oblate community's Formation Circle at 608-836-1631, x267 or [oblate-inquiries@benedictinewomen.org](mailto:oblate-inquiries@benedictinewomen.org) for more information.