

Chapter 2

Book List for the Oblate Formation

**The Community of St. Mary
Southern Province**



Using the Booklist

The booklist is inclusive, designed to serve the needs of both those in formation and those doing self-study. To gain the most benefit from the list, it is very important that each candidate work with his/her Mentor to select books that will challenge but will not overwhelm.

The program has some specifically defined reading requirements.

Within the framework of these requirements, candidates may select any book from the many study units offered. The key to success is to work with your mentor to select the category within each unit that is right for you.

Most books can be purchased from Abebooks, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or from other sources on the internet. Some you will find in your local library. Some may need to be bought from the publisher; those have been noted. If you attempt to buy or borrow a book and it is no longer available, please notify Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM.

Lectio Divina Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
Too Deep for Words, Rediscovering Lectio Divina		Thelma Hall	Paulist Press	0809129590
Lectio Divina: Contemplative Awakening and Awareness		Paintner & Wynkoop, OSB	Paulist Press	978-0-8091-4531-7
The Word is Very Near You		Martin Smith	Cowley	0936384816
Lectio Divina: Renewing the Ancient Practice of Praying the Scriptures		Basil Pennington		0824517369
At the Crossroads of the Scriptures – An Introduction to Lectio Divina		Ghislaine Salvail	Pauline Press	0819807656
<u>Intermediate Level:</u>				
Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Sacred Reading, the ancient Art of Lectio Divina	Required for Book Reflection #2, Year Two	Michael Casey	Liguori/Triumph	092438916

Baptismal Vows Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
Seeking Life: The Baptismal Invitation of the Rule of St. Benedict	Required reading for Book reflection #6 Year One	Esther de Waal	Liturgical Press	978-0-8146-1880-6

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Theology of Worship	required reading for #7 book reflection for Year One	Louis Weil	www.churchpublishing.org	0898693640
Remember your Baptism		Jeanne Finan	Cowley Publications	1561012734
<u>Intermediate level</u>				
Living Baptism Daily		Lawrence E. Mick	Liturgical Press	0814629652
The Christian Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist		Kenan B. Osborne	Paulist Press	0809128861
Calling: A Song of the Baptized		Caroline A. Westerhoff	Seabury Classics	1561011010

Benedictine Vows Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
Heart Whispers. Benedictine Wisdom for Today		Elizabeth J. Canham	Upper Room Books	0835808920
Monk Habits for Everyday People		Okholm	Brazos Press	1587431852
A Blessed Life		Wil Derkse	Liturgical Press	0814618634
Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living		Jane Tomaine	Morehouse Publishing	081922152-X
<u>Intermediate Level</u>				
Centered on Christ: A Guide to Monastic Profession	Required for Year Two	Dom Augustine Roberts, OCSO	Liturgical Press	0879070749

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Essentials of Monastic Wisdom		Hugh Feiss	Harper / San Francisco	0060624833
The Intentional Life. The Making of a Spiritual Vocation		Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB	Paraclete Press	1557253269
Inhabiting the Church		Stock & Otto	Wipf & Stock	1597529907
<u>Advanced Level</u>				
The Freedom of Obedience		Carthusian Novice Conferences	www.spencerabbey.org/cistpub/catalogue/catframes.html	0879077727

Prayer Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
Prayer and Temperament-Different Prayer Forms for Different Personality types	Required reading for Book # 1, Year One	Chester P. Michael, Marie C. Norrisey	Out of print. May borrow from CSL-B. Contact the Abbot.	
No Moment too Small		Norvene Vest	Cowley Publications	1561010928
Space for God. The Study and Practice of Prayer and Spirituality		Don Postema	CRC Publications	0933140460
To Pray to Love		Roberta C. Bondi	Fortress Press	0800625110
Making a life of Prayer-Selected Writings of John Cassian		Upper Room Books	Upper Room Books/Alibris.com	0835808319
Praying the Hours		Suzanne Guthrie	Cowleypublications.org	1561011770
Spiritual Theology: The Theology of Yesterday for Spiritual Help Today		Diogenes Allen	Cowleypublications.org	1561011304

<u>Intermediate Level</u>				
Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Toward God, the Ancient Wisdom of Prayer		Michael Casey	Triumph Books	0892438908
Centering Prayer		Basil Pennington	ImageBooks/Doubleday	0-85181795
The Way Back Home – An Introduction to Centering Prayer	Suggested reading for Year two	Basil Pennington	Paulist Press	0809130904
The Music of Silence	Chant	David Steindl-Rast	Seastone, Berkeley, CA	1569751374
Earthen Vessels: The practice of personal Prayer according to the Patristic Tradition		Gabriel Bunge, OSB	Ignatious Press/Alibris.com	0898708370
<u>Advanced Level</u>				
Contemplative Prayer	Suggested reading for Year two	Thomas Merton	Image Books	0385092199
New Seeds of Contemplation		Thomas Merton	New Directions Publishing Corporation	081120099X

Psalms Unit

<u>Introductory Level</u>				
Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Praying the Psalms		Thomas Merton	Liturgical Press	0814605486
Psalms: the Prayer Book of the Bible		Dietrich Bonhoeffer		0806614390
Reflections on the Psalms		C. S. Lewis	Harvest Book/Harcourt	0156762480
<u>Intermediate Level</u>				
Message of the Psalms		Walter Brueggemann	Augsburg	0806621206

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
The Psalms & the Life of Faith	Required book reflection #6, Year Two	Walter Brueggemann	Augsburg Fortress/alibris.com	0800627334
Bread in the Wilderness		Thomas Merton		

Benedictine Life Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
The Oblate Life	Required for Book Reflection #2, Year 1	ed. Gervase Holdaway	Liturgical Press	0814631762
Monastic Practices	Required for Book # 3, Year One	Charles Cummings	Cistercian Publications	0879078758
The Benedictine Handbook	required for book reflection #1, Year Two	Anthony Maret-Crosby	Liturgical Press	0814627900
The Rule of Benedict: Insight for the Ages	Suggested book for reflection on the Rule Year One	Joan Chittister		0824525035
Wisdom Distilled From the Daily: Living the Rule of St. Benedict Today		Joan Chittister	Harper	0060613998
Seeking God: The Way of St. Benedict 2 nd Ed.		Esther de Waal	Liturgical Press/Litpress.org	0814613888

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Life-giving Way: A Commentary on the Rule of St. Benedict	Suggested study of the Rule for Year One	Esther de Waal	Liturgical Press	0814623581
Prayer and Community, The Benedictine Tradition	Suggested reading Year Two	Columba Stewart	Orbus Books	1570752192
Benedict in the World	Required reading for book reflection # 3, Year One	ed. Linda Kulzer, Roberta Bondi		0814617573
Benedict's Way. An Ancient Monk's Insights for a Balanced Life		Lonni Collins Pratt and Father Daniel Homan, OSB	Loyola Press	0829413766
<u>Intermediate Level</u>				
Preferring Christ	Required for Reflections, Year Two	Norvene Vest	Source Books	0940147149
Day by Day with St. Benedict	Recommended for . Year Two for daily study of the Rule	Terrence G. Kardong	Liturgical Press	0814630421
Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community	Important study of living in a faith community	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Harper San Francisco	0060608528

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
The Rule of Saint Benedict for Beginners. Spirituality for Daily Life		Wil Derkse	Liturgical Press	0814628028
Around the Monastic Table: Growing in Mutual Service and Love	Important study focused on RB chapters 31-42	Aquinata Bockmann	Liturgical Press	978-0-1874-5
The Wisdom of the Benedictine Elders Thirty of America's Oldest Monks and Nuns Share Their Lives' Greatest Lessons		Mark McGinnis	Bluebridge	0974240532
Saint Benedict: A Rule for Beginners. Excerpts from the Life and Rule of Saint Benedict.		Julian Stead, OSB	New City Press	1565480988
Living with Contradiction		Esther deWaal	Moorehouse Publishing	0819217549
Desiring Life: Benedict on Wisdom and the Good Life	Suggested reading for Year Two	Norvene Vest	Cowley Publications	1561011827
Friend of the Soul		Norvene Vest	Cowley Publications	1561011827
Lost in Wonder. Rediscovering the Spiritual Art of Attentiveness		Esther de Waal	Liturgical Press	181462992X
Beyond the Walls. Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Life		Paul Wilkes	Doubleday	038549436X
Cherish Christ above All. The Rule in the Bible of Benedict		Demetrius Dumm, OSB	Paulist Press	0809136465

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Radical Hospitality – Benedict’s Way of Love		Fr. Daniel Homan, OSB & Loni Collins Pratt		155725099
Life and Holiness		Thomas Merton	Image Books (Doubleday)	038506277X
The Age of the Cloister		Christopher Brooke	Paulist Press	1587680181
<u>Advanced Level</u>				
Engaging Benedict: What the Rule Can Teach Us Today		Laura Swan	Christian Classics	0870612328
A Guide to Living the Truth – St. Benedict’s Teaching on Humility		Michael Casey	Liguori/Triumph	0764807390
Lovers of the Place		Francis Kline	Liturgical Press/Alibris.com	0814624286
In the Unity of the Holy Spirit		Dom Sighard Kleiner	Cistercian Publications	0879074159
The Fire in These Ashes. A Spirituality of Contemporary Religious Life		Joan Chittister	Sheed & Ward	1556128029
<u>Very Advanced Level</u>				
Benedict’s Rule: A Translation and Commentary		Terrance G. Kardong	Liturgical Press	0814623255
The Rule of Saint Benedict. A Doctrinal and Spiritual Commentary		Adalbert de Vogüé	Cistercian Publications	0-79078545
Reading Saint Benedict		Adalbert de Vogüé	Cistercian Publications	0879076518

OTHER READINGS:
STUDY UNITS FOR ELECTIVES AND PERSONAL READING

Bible Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
HarperCollins Study Bible Student- Edition	for reference and <i>Lectio Divina</i>	Society of Biblical Literature	Harper Collins	978-0060786847
What Saint Paul Really Said		N.T. Wright	Albatross Books Pty Ltd	0-7324-1648-5
Opening the Bible		Roger Ferlo	Cowley Publicatiions	1-56101-144-4
Journeying with the Bible		Don A. Rooney	Liturgical Press	0814628966
Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible		Ellen F. Davis	Cambridge University Press	0521518342
The Collegeville Bible Handbook		Nanacy McDarby	Liturgical Press	081462376X
<u>Intermediate Level</u>				
With Christ: Studying the Gospel with St. Benedict		Jean-Francois Baudoz	Liturgical Press	0814618286
A Theological Introduction To The Old Testament		Birch, Brueggemann, Frethem & Petersen	Abingdon Press	0-687-01348-8
Reading the Old Testament		Lawrence Boadt	Paulist Press	0809126311
Reverberations of Faith: A Theological Handbook of Old Testament Themes		Walter Brueggemann	Westminster John Knox Press	0664222315
The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation	600 pages long	Luke Timothy Johnson	Augsburg Fortress Publishers	080063439X
Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament		Ellen F. Davis	CowleyPublications	1561011975

<u>Advanced Level</u>				
Imaging God: Dominion as Stewardship		Douglas J. Hall	Wipf and Stock Pub.	1-59244-580-2
What Have they done with the bible? A History of Modern Biblical Interpretation		John Sandys-Wunsch	Liturgical Press	08146-50287
The World that Shaped the New Testament		Calvin J. Roetzel	Westminster John Knox Press	0664224156

Creed Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
How to Understand the Creed		Jean-Noél Bezançon, Philippe Ferlay and Jean-Marie Onfray	Crossroad	0824508688
Theology: the Basics		Allister McGrath	Blackwell Publishers	1405114258
"I Believe," Exploring the Apostles' Creed		Alister McGrath	Intervarsity Press www.gospelcom.net/ivpress/	0830819460
<u>Intermediate Level</u>				
The Creed. What Christians Believe and Why It Matters		Luke Timothy Johnson	Doubleday	0385502478

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
The Creed: The Apostolic Faith in Contemporary Theology		Berard L. Marthaler	Twenty-third publications	0896225372
<u>Advanced Level</u>				
Creeds in the Making: A Short Introduction to the History of Christian Doctrine		Alan Richardson	Trinity Press International	0334002648
Early Christian Creeds		J.N.D. Kelly	Routledge; 1 edition	ASIN: B00LPCCCMG
Nicene Christianity: The Future for a New Ecumenism		Christopher Seitz	Brazos Press	1587430215
Making Sense of Paul		Virginia Wiles	Hedrickson Publishers	1-56563-117-X
The First Seven Ecumenical Councils (325-787)		Leo D. Davis	Liturgical Press	0814656161

History Unit

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
<u>Introductory Level</u>				
To Love as God Loves		Robert C. Bondi	Fortress Press	0800620410
<u>Intermediate Level:</u>				
Monks of England The Benedictines in England from Augustine to the Present Day	available at Amazon	Daniel Rees	SPCK Publishing	0281050740

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
The Life of St. Benedict by Gregory the Great: Translation and commentary		Terrance Kardong	Liturgical Press	978-0-8146-3262-8
Monastic Studies On Benedictine Monasticism Number 11	available in digital form at Amazon		Mount Savior Monastery	ASIN: B000Z3DRTI
The American Plague: the Untold Story of Yellow Fever the Epidemic that Shaped our Future	Suggested for Year Two	Molly Caldwell Crosby	Berkley Publishing Group	0425217752
Saint Mary's: The Sewanee Sisters and Their School	Required for Reflection # 3, Year Two	James W. McCrady	Sewanee Trust & Proctor Hall Publ	978-0-9789768-4-2
Ten Decades of Praise	Required for Year Two	Sr. Mary Hilary, CSM	Ask for a copy	
Western Monasticism. A History of the Monastic Movement in the Latin Church		Peter King	Cistercian Publications	08979077859
Cassian and the Fathers: Initiation into the Monastic Tradition		Patrick O'Connell	Liturgical Press	0879070013
Privilege of Love: Camaldolese Benedictine Spirituality		Peter-Damian Belisle	Liturgical Press	0814627730
St. Athanasius: The Life of St. Antony		Classics of Western Spirituality	Paulist Press www.paulistpress.com/	0809102501
The Age of the Cloister: the Story of Monastic Life in the Middle Ages		Christopher Brooke	Paulist Press www.paulistpress.com/	1587680181

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
The Anglican Vision		James E. Griffiss	Cowley Publications	1561011436
The Study of Anglicanism		Stephen Sykes, John Booty	Augsburg Fortress Publishers	080063151X
Love's Redeeming Work		Geoffrey Rowell, et al	Oxford University Press	0191070580
<u>Advanced Level</u>				
Anglican Identities		Rowan Williams	Cowley Press	1561012548
The Study of Anglicanism		Sykes, et al	Augsburg Publishers	080063151X
The Cost of Discipleship		Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Touchstone	0684815001
Christianity: The First Three Thousands Years		Diarmaid MacCulloch	Penguin Books	978-0-14-311869-5

Prayer Books and Others - These books are not offered as texts for study but offered to provide other sources for prayer and vocation.

Title	Notes	Author	Publisher	ISBN #
Work of God-Benedictine Prayer		Judith Sutura, OSB, Ed.	Liturgical Press	0814624316
St. Augustine's Prayer Book (1993)		Holy Cross Monastery (corporate author)	Holy Cross Press. Call (845) 384-6660 and Press #2 at the prompt	N/A
The Glenstal Book of Prayer: A Benedictine Prayer Book			Liturgical Press	0814627676
A Concert of Charisms: Ordained Ministry in religious life.	For anyone considering Holy Orders.	Paul Hennessy, CFC		