



TUCSON OBLATE NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER, 2015

Today is a blessed day, the opening of the Synod on the Family. Let us pray for those gathered in Rome to discuss the family. May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts of all present with the compassion, forgiveness and love, to make good decisions for all families.

In today's reading from Hebrews, I was struck by the words, "He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters." We are all equal in God's sight regardless of our religion, race or sex. We are holy, consecrated by our very existence. What God has made is GOOD. The deeper challenge for us is to deepen our fidelity to one another and to Christ as members of his ONE BODY.

I hope that many of you had the opportunity to see and hear the words of Pope Francis to all of us. This year in our Oblate program we will be looking at *Laudato Si'*. Many of the ideas expressed in this Encyclical were expressed in various ways in Pope Francis' 26 speeches while he was with us here in America. As a nation we can be proud the way our Holy Father was accepted, heard and respected by all people and faiths.

TUCSON: The next meeting is Sunday Oct. 18, at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:45 for inquirers, candidates and anyone else who would like to come early, use the library, or visit with others. The class for inquirers and candidates will start at 1:00 p.m. and finish at 1:45 to join the others in the basement. The class is on the right as you enter the Chapel. The topic is Work, and Sharon Hammond will lead the class. As preparation for the class read

Ch. 35 of the Rule, "Weekly Server in the Kitchen and at Table." Ch. 36 "Care of the Sick," Ch. 48 "Daily Manual Labor," Ch. 57 "Members of the Community with Creative gifts," and Ch. 68 "Assignment of Impossible Tasks." Questions:

- a. How does our society see work? Who is work supposed to benefit? Who does it actually benefit? How does Benedict see work and who it benefits?
- b. How can the RB help us achieve a more healthful and productive balance between work and other parts of life?
- c. What might Benedict have to say about the kind of work an Oblate selects to the extent that selection is possible?
- d. How might we apply today Benedict's ideas about charging less than the rate and not taking excessive pride in work?
- e. What wisdom do they find in Benedict's way of handling "impossible tasks"?

2:00 Meeting for the Oblate Group as a whole: Chapter 1 of LAUDATO SI' "What is Happening to Our Common Home," Sr. Kathleen Clare OSB

PRESCOTT: Next meeting Sunday Oct 11 1:30 to 3:30 in St Anthony Claret Room.

The lesson Michael Casey's book, "The Road to Eternal Life – Reflections on the Prologue of St. Benedict's Rule" Ch. 17 and 18 pp 62-68.

Shirley Maday writes: In Ch. 15 and 16 Casey stated, "It is foolish to think that in the important area of making a success of our life we can make progress without effort and perseverance. Without a firm, stable, and long-lasting act of the will, we will not go anywhere."

On Oct 11, Sisters Kathleen Clare and I will travel to Prescott to meet with our Oblates in the area. We look forward to visiting with them and to share our first talk on Laudato Si' and the values expressed by Pope Francis are also expressed in the Rule of Benedict.

PHOENIX CENTRAL and PHOENIX EAST VALLEY:

Next meeting Saturday Oct 31 from 9:30–noon. At St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in the Cursillo Center. Srs. Hope and Kathleen Clare will be with us from Tucson to get to know us and to share their first talk on Our Holy Father's Encyclical *Laudato Si'*. We start at 9:30 with Morning Prayer and follow that with a *Lectio* of about 10 minutes. We will then have a hospitality break with an egg dish and some sweet rolls, etc. We should have

from about 10:30 until noon for visiting and the talk on the Encyclical.

For more information call Nancy Kaib at 480-883-8025 or Frank Young 480-219-1505

May God's Blessing be upon you. Remember in your prayers our Sr. M Pascaline who fell and broke her neck. She is doing well in hospital therapy and will be transferring this week to our health care center in Clyde, where she will receive needed nursing care. Sr. Mary Carmela has also transferred to our health care center and is settling in nicely.

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