

Reasons for Becoming a Benedictine Oblate Saint Raphael Parish

- Seeking God in daily living with a community of believers
- Seeking God through prayer, offering hospitality to others, and nurturing relationships
- Desire greater spiritual growth – one has found that living a shallow life is unsatisfactory
- Desire a spiritual home in a Benedictine Community
- Gathering with others to enrich and revive your spiritual life
- Receive support and encouragement from other oblates
- Desire to live St. Benedict's values in the world
- Desire to become holy in one's chosen way of life
- Become more aware of the importance of liturgical prayer in my life
- Develop a greater balance of prayer and work in my life and seeing work as prayer
- Develop the ability to find the divine in the ordinary
- Develop a greater understanding of the need for silence
- Want a clearer focus in my spiritual and prayer life
- Develop a more meaningful prayer life
- Come to an understanding of the value of living the Benedictine vows: Obedience (to listen intently), Stability, and Fidelity (Conversatio Morum/offering of one's self to God)
- Committing, above all else, to seek God in Jesus Christ!

"Listen and attend with the ear of your heart."

~ Benedict of Nursia