## Welcome to the Oblate Community of St Placid Priory

## What is an Oblate?

Oblates of St. Benedict are Christian individuals who are attracted to Benedictine spirituality and who have connected with a local Benedictine community in order to enrich their Christian way of life. Oblates seek God by striving to become holy in their own chosen way of life. Today, throughout the world, there are thousands of Oblates praying and working in spiritual union with Benedictine women and men of various communities.

## What is an Oblate of St. Benedict at St. Placid Priory?

At St. Placid Priory, Oblates are active baptized Christians who make a lifelong commitment to our Benedictine Community. We welcome women and men to be Oblates. Through relating with the life and members of St. Placid Priory and the Oblate community, Oblates deepen their commitment to seek God and to live out Benedictine spirituality in whatever way they are able. Monthly meetings and retreats with the Oblate community provide ongoing formation for the Oblate. This lifelong commitment to St. Placid Priory is the primary difference between our Oblates and Associates.

Oblates are invited to join St. Placid Priory for Liturgy of the Hours, for community events, and to help in our ministries. Along with living out the Rule of Benedict, we invite them to share our mission statement and direction statements. We ask them to be a Benedictine presence in their families, church community and work places.

## **Oblate Formation Program**

Meets from 12:30 to 3:00 PM on most Second Sundays of the month, September through June (no meeting in May)