

## **St. Placid Priory Benedictine Values**

### **Community of Prayer**

“Let us consider, then, how we ought to behave in the presence of God and the angels, and let us stand to sing the psalms in such a way that our minds are in harmony with our voices.” RB 19:8  
“[Let us] lay our petitions before the God of all with the utmost humility and sincere devotion.” RB 20:2  
“Prayer should therefore be short and pure, unless perhaps it is prolonged under the inspiration of divine grace.” RB 20:4  
“If we wish to privately, we may simply go in and pray, not in a loud voice, but with tears and heartfelt devotion.” RB 52:4

### **Community of Attentive Listening and Intentional Speaking**

“Listen carefully to my instructions...and attend to them with the ear of your heart.” RB Prol 1  
“...I was silent and was humbled, and I refrained even from good words RB 6:1(Ps 38[39]:2-3)

### **Community of Gratitude and Good Zeal**

“...there is a good zeal which leads to God.” RB 72:1

### **Community of Hospitality**

“All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ...” RB 53:1  
“Once guests have been announced, meet them with all the courtesy of love.” RB RB 53:3

### **Community of Simplicity and Moderation**

“They will regard all utensils and goods of the monastery as sacred vessels of the altar, aware that nothing is to be neglected. They should not be prone to greed, nor be wasteful and extravagant with the goods of the monastery, but should do everything with moderation and according to the prioress's orders.” RB 31:10-12  
“...all things are to be done with moderation on account of the faint-hearted.” RB 48: 9

### **Community of Stability**

“The workshop where we are to toil faithfully at all these tasks is the enclosure of the monastery and stability in the community.” RB 4:78  
When one is to be received, they come before the whole community in the oratory and promise stability, fidelity to monastic life, and obedience.” RB 58:17  
“Do not...run away from the road that leads to salvation.” RB RB Prol 48

### **Community of Conversion**

“It is high time for us to arise from sleep.” RB Prol 8  
“These, then, are the tools of the spiritual craft. When we have used them without ceasing day and night and have returned them on judgment day, our wages will be the reward God has promised: ‘What the eye has not seen nor the ear heard, God has prepared for those who love God’” (1 Cor 2:9). RB 4:75-78

### **Community of Work**

“When they live by the labor of their hands...then they are really monastics.” RB 48:8  
“Those who are sick or weak should be given a type of work or craft that will keep them busy without overwhelming them or driving them away. The prioress must take their infirmities into account.” RB 48: 24-25

### **Community of Stewardship**

“Regard all utensils and goods of the monastery as sacred vessels of the altar, aware that nothing is to be neglected.” RB 31:19-20

### **Community which Practices Humility**

“After ascending all these steps of humility, we will quickly arrive at the 'perfect love' of God which 'casts out fear (1 Jn 4:18).” RB 7:RB 7:67

### **Community that Values Beauty and Art**

“They are to practice their craft with all humility.” RB 57:1

### **Community of Peace and Justice**

“If you desire true and eternal life, 'keep your tongue free from vicious talk and your lips from all deceit; turn away from evil and do good; let peace be your quest and aim (Ps 33[34]:14-15).” Prol 17