

Past Oblate programs, book studies, areas of interest and proposals.

Past Book Studies

- **2014 - 2017** – Monasteries of the Heart by Joan Chittister
- **2017-2019** The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century by Joan Chittister
- **2019 – 2020** Joan Chittister: Rule of Benedict/ Benoit Standaert: Spirituality/ Hugh Feiss: Essential Monastic Wisdom – oblates selected the book they wished to read. Book discussions were done in small groups with large group activities.
- **2020 -2021** The Earth: Our Original Monastery by Christine Walters Paintner

Areas of Interest taken from Oblate survey 2019

- Learning/sharing the living of Benedictine values
- Instruction in Lectio Divina
- Presentations on Benedictine Living
- Faith Sharing
- Contemplative Living

3 proposals from June 2021

- Read Joan Chittister A Radical Christian Life: A Year with St. Benedict. A book of daily readings, with monthly meetings that explore that month's theme.
- "Seven Monastic Instincts," a yearlong exploration of monastic values and their translation to oblate life.
- Read Touched by God: The Way to Contemplative Prayer by Luigi Gioia, an Anglican Benedictine. A year's study of contemplative prayer.