

The Rite of Full Oblation

The rite of full oblation to be done at convocation, during Matins or Vespers after the Magnificat.

Presentation

Formation Guide: Abbot/Abbess N. _____, I present to you N. (each called by baptismal name) who has asked to make his/her Full Oblation as an Oblate of Saint Benedict in the Companions of St. Luke.

Questioning of the Candidate(s)

Superior: Do you wish to make your Full Oblation as an Oblate of St. Benedict in the Companions of St. Luke?

Novice Oblate(s): I do, God being my helper.

Superior: May the grace and mercy of God be with you.

The Admonition

Superior: As a Novice Oblate you have had time to study the Rule of Saint Benedict and the Benedictine life as interpreted by the Constitution and Customary of the Companions of St. Luke. By now you should have a good understanding of the life of an Oblate and how it can govern and enrich your Christian life.

If you are still ready and willing to following this path, guided by the teachings of our holy Father Benedict as appropriate to your state in life, and are resolved to remain faithful and persevere in your holy resolution, you may now make your Full Oblation. If not, you may freely depart.

The Promises

The Superior questions each Novice Oblate in turn unless there is a large group, in which case they may answer together.

Superior: N._____, do you offer yourself in the service of God and of humanity according to the Rule of Saint Benedict as interpreted by the Constitution and Customary of the Companions of St. Luke?

Novice Oblate: I do.

Superior: Will you strive to be faithful and to persevere in this holy resolution for the rest of your life?

Novice Oblate: I will, God being my helper.

Superior: Thanks be to God. Trusting in the help of God's grace, you may make your Full Oblation. As an Oblate in the Companions of St. Luke you will be known as Brother/Sister N._____.

The Act of Full Oblation

Each reads his/her Act of Oblation and signs the certificate.

I, Brother/Sister N._____, do offer myself to Almighty God in the sight of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our holy Father Benedict, and all the angels and saints as an Oblate of the Companions of St. Luke. In so doing I promise to dedicate myself to the service of God and humanity according to the Rule of St. Benedict as interpreted by the Constitution and Customary of the Companions of St. Luke, as appropriate to my state in life.

Blessing of the Habit and Investiture

Superior: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

All: The maker of heaven and earth.


Superior: May the Name of the Lord be praised.

All: Both now and forever, Amen.

Superior: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Superior: Let us pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself to be clothed in mortal flesh and to live among us. We ask you to bless  this Oblate habit, that your servant, being clothed in this outward sign, may likewise be inwardly clothed in your humility, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Formal Acceptance of the new Oblate(s)

Superior: As Abbot/Abbess of this Community, I accept your Oblation and admit you as an Oblate of the Companions of St. Luke.

My God strengthen you in your faith and give you the grace of perseverance in your offering of yourself to serve God and humanity in accordance with the spirit of the Rule of St. Benedict and of this Community. May God reward you according to his promises, and bring us together into everlasting life. Amen.