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Benedictine Sisters' Clyde oblates enjoy retreat, celebrate oblation

CLYDE, Mo. - The Clyde community of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration celebrated its annual retreat for oblates Sept. 26-28, concluding with an oblation ceremony for two women in the Adoration Chapel.

Fifteen oblates attended the week-end conference, enjoying a presentation on the Prologue to the Rule of Benedict by Father Daniel Petsche, OSB of Conception Abbey.

Geri Herfkens and Betty Carneal made their oblations, and Marie Fitch has begun a one-year formation program as an oblate candidate.

Oblates are not vowed members but Christian adults formally affiliated with a Benedictine monastic family to seek God more intentionally. They are of any faith, man or woman, married or single, who find support and growth in holiness through spiritual association with a vowed monastic community by incorporating the Rule of Benedict and adapting monastic practices to their own lives.

During the oblation process, interested people spend six months learning more about Benedictine spirituality.

If they choose to continue their study, they are invited to become candidates for at least one year of formation to study the Rule at greater depth. At the end of the year they may become oblates.

For more information on Benedictine oblates, please log onto www.benedictineoblates.com.



Oblate Marcie Sheaff (far left) will mentor Marie Fitch after she became an oblate candidate during a ceremony held Sept. 28. Standing with them are Benedictine Sister Jean Frances Dolan, oblate director, and Benedictine Sister Sean Douglas, Clyde prioress (far right).

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