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Phoenix Oblates celebrate anniversary, choose delegates

CLYDE, Mo. - The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration's Phoenix Oblate chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary on Aug. 9 with a celebratory Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The chapter is formally affiliated with the Benedictine Sisters' Tucson, Ariz., community.

Tucson Sisters Lenora Black, OSB and Joan Therese Anderson, OSB joined the oblates for the Mass, which was followed by lauds and *lectio divina*.

Mary Gibson single-handedly started the Phoenix group 10 years ago with Barbara Singer as her first inquirer. During the celebration, it was announced that oblate Patty Williams will serve as a delegate to the second World Congress of Oblates next fall in Rome. Michael Schroeder, who is moderator of the Oblate Forum, will be a delegate for the national meeting of oblate directors and oblates at St. Vincent's Archabbey next summer in Latrobe, Penn.

Oblates are Christian adults formally affiliated with a Benedictine monastic family in order to seek God more intentionally. They are not vowed members but men and women of any faith, married or single, who find support and growth in holiness through spiritual association with a monastic community.

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