



January 11, 2024 NAABOD update

I want to thank all of you for your patience in this time of transition. A good leader like Sr. Priscilla made this all look so easy. I have included a photo of her from the NAABOD gathering in Schuyler, NE back in 2019.

Because we are still getting everything figured out with accounts,

- The dues for NAABOD which are usually due in January will be due in March.
- We are also coming up with the arrangements for the Oblate Director's meeting this Summer, July 5-9, 2024 at Schuyler, NE. We hope you can join us. We will get the information out as soon as possible.

I am grateful to Sr. Antoinette Purcell, OSB, NAABOD Vice President, and Linda Gilmartin, NAABOD Secretary for their invaluable help. Fr. Volker, and the community and retreat center at Schuyler have also been gracious and helpful in the planning process for the meeting this summer. Sr. Elisabeth Meadows, the Prioress, and Sr. Therese Haydel, OSB, the Treasurer at Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama have been most kind and helpful with tracking down records for NAABOD. Others have written and been helpful with their support and suggestions.

It is amazing that the wisdom of the Rule of Benedict continues to help us encounter Jesus Christ in our own day. May the Holy Spirit guide each of our monastic and Oblate communities.

Peace,

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