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The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

Our Mother of Consolation Parish
9 E. Chestnut Hill Ave - Philadelphia, PA 19118

January 2020

Dear Friends of the Oblates,

For over 20 years of Oblate ministry at OMC, you have shared in our mission, our ministry, and our Salesian Spirituality, which is the heart of our lives as Oblates.

This past August, three young men professed First Vows as Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. As they continue in our formation program, they learn how to integrate the essentials of the Salesian Spirituality into their daily lives. Our foundress, Mother Mary De Sales Chappuis, VHM, once noted that it takes 30 years to become a good Oblate. Our newly professed Oblates have just begun this wonderful journey... please pray for them. Presently, we have six annually professed Oblates who are studying theology in preparation for the Priesthood. We are truly blessed.

Each year, as we approach the feast of St. Francis de Sales (January 24), the Oblate Community asks for your assistance through the **Oblate Annual Appeal**. Your gift to this appeal assists the Oblates in supporting our seminarian formation: \$40,000/per seminarian. Over the years, OMC has been a vital partner in the financial support of our seminarians. It is my hope is that we can do the same this year.

Your participation in the **Oblate Annual Appeal** is essential to the continuation of our ministry at OMC and we appreciate every gift as a sign of your commitment to us.

You may use the enclosed envelope to mail your gift to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket on the **weekend of January 19-20**. You may also donate to the **Oblate Annual Appeal** by visiting our parish ["Online Giving"](#).

On behalf of my Oblate brothers, I thank you for your generosity and for sharing in our ministry of disseminating the Salesian Spirituality.

In de Sales,

Fr. Bob Bazzoli, OSFS