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The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

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

“The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.”

St. Francis de Sales

January 2022

Dear Friends,

In March 2020, when we entered the COVID-19 lockdown, I shared with you these words of encouragement from St. Francis de Sales. I pray that during the ensuing months, they have brought you some measure of reassurance and comfort as we slowly emerge from the pandemic. For we can only put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings by being open to God’s grace.

During these 22 months of pandemic, racial injustice, political divisiveness, and climate crisis, the Oblates have striven to be a source of God’s gentle presence and hope in an often-turbulent world, and we have invited you to share in this ministry with us. Coming together, as a Salesian family, we have truly become the presence of Christ in our World. Thank you for sharing in our ministry.

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 goes directly to support various Oblate sponsored ministries, educating our seminarians, and providing for our retired Oblates. Your participation in the ***Oblate Annual Appeal*** is vital to the support of our brother Oblates.

Again, this year, I ask the parish to show its support for the Oblates by contributing \$25,000 to the ***Oblate Annual Appeal***. This goal may seem ambitious, but we can accomplish it easily if each family prayerfully considers an offering of \$100 (more if you are able, less if you are not). The Oblates appreciate every gift as it a sign of your commitment to us and of your sharing in our ministry at OMC.

You may donate to the ***Oblate Annual Appeal*** by clicking [HERE](#).

On behalf of my Oblate brothers, I thank you in advance for your generosity and for sharing in our ministry of disseminating the Spirituality of our patron, St. Francis de Sales.

In de Sales,
Fr. Bob