

Exploring the Rule of Benedict



OUR EXPLORATION OF THE RULE OF BENEDICT continues with our oblates and oblate novices. Four times a year we gather together to experience the Rule as a living document which gives us wisdom to live by. One of the texts we shared was RB 66: 3 which reads, “As soon as anyone knocks, or someone poor calls out, the porter replies ‘Thanks be to God’ or ‘Your blessing, please’; then with all the gentleness that comes from the fear of God, he provides a prompt answer with the warmth of love.”

We shared how ‘the poor’ could include the migrant, our neighbor, or even those we are closest to; but no matter who the other person is, we are always challenged to give a response of gentleness with the warmth of love.

We all have blessings to offer each other! ■