

Stages of Vocation

- Affiliate** discerns through visits, correspondence and retreats
- Postulant** (1-2 years) gains knowledge and experience of monastic life by living in community and sharing in prayer and work
- Novice** (1-2 years) prepares for monastic profession through an intense spiritual formation in the Benedictine tradition
- Scholastic** (3-6 years) lives fully the Benedictine way of life; engages in full time ministry, studies, and/or professional training
- Professed Sister** learns to seek God more each day; prefers nothing to the love of Christ



Corporate Commitment

We, the Benedictine Sisters of Florida, commit ourselves and our resources to respond with the compassion of Christ to the physical, spiritual, social and emotional hungers of the people of God.

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*Discern your
spiritual journey
with us...
a balanced
monastic life of
prayer
and service.*



*Listen to **the** Call
with Your Heart*

Touching Lives through Prayer and Service

About Us

The Benedictine Sisters of Florida live by the values of our founders, twin Saints Benedict and Scholastica. Written in the 6th century during the chaos and disintegration of the Roman Empire, the **Rule of Saint Benedict** is based on Jesus' teachings. It offered definitive direction and established an ordered way of life of security and stability. This was the germination of the monastic way of life. **The Rule** remains vibrant in bringing God's peace and love to the world today.

We strive to bring that spirituality to others through our monastic way of life and service to God and His people. From our beginnings in 1889, the Benedictine Sisters have made a profound impact on humankind as centers of prayer, education, stability, hospitality and conversion of life.

The Mission of the Benedictine Sisters of Florida is to seek God in monastic community, prayer and ministry. Nourished by the Word of God and our life together, we respond with the compassion of Christ to feed the hungers of the people of God.

Find What You Seek

In Saint Benedict's **Rule**, he tells us to "*Listen with the ear of your heart*" in all aspects of life. Discovering a vocation is a stirring of the heart. It is not easy to discern the journey. It is between you and Christ and is best sought within a community of faith. Discerning your call to a life of prayer and service involves the thirst for goodness and truth.

The gift of vocation to religious life is a promise the Lord offers. Each seeker's experience is unique and for each generation the call is different because the needs of the Church and God's people are different.



Prayer, spiritual guidance and God's grace are fundamental to discerning a vocation. Know that you are not alone. Those of us living out our consecrated lives are on that journey and are here for support.

*That in all things God
May be Glorified!*

Monastic Profession

The vows of Benedictine women are publicly made in a commitment to live the monastic way of life. The vows include:



- ◆ **Stability**—to be rooted in God and in community; to stay and grow together
- ◆ **Obedience**—to listen and respond to the voice of God heard in the prioress, the community, the Church and the cry of the poor
- ◆ **Fidelity** - to the monastic way of life and to be transformed in Christ's love

Who is Eligible?

- ◆ Single Women
- ◆ Catholic
- ◆ 20-59 Years of Age
- ◆ Good Mental/Physical Health
- ◆ No Financial Responsibility
- ◆ No Dependents

*Caught up in your beauty,
I speak of my heart's desire;
To find the fullness of life
Dwelling in your presence forever.*

Psalm 27