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The Interreligious Dialogue

We oblates should be always ready to justify our faith; we are supposed to be faithful to the word of God in the Bible; the church teachings and the Rule of St. Benedict. This strongly rooted faith is a requirement to engage in the interreligious dialogue _ we must be open and welcoming to the ones who do not share our beliefs; not to compromise and above all not to try to impose our faith on the others.

All faiths have things in common: "the golden rule", the importance of simplicity and obedience as a safe means to walk together as religious people. Then, as we engage in the interreligious dialogue we have lots to share, but we must not try to impose anything.

The place for oblates is the world, our families, work places, churches. We do not have to say anything; just do our best to do our jobs to testify our faith.

Personal Relations and Communion

Living in a community is fundamental to the learning and improvement of relationships.

The following of St. Benedict's Rule is of great help for us who want to progress in the development of peace in a community. We must learn how to get along with the ones we do not get along with.

According to St. Benedict's chapter 72, being tolerant and practicing the Rule; being the first ones to show love and respect to each other is our individual contribution to fostering peace and harmony in the world.

Think globally and act locally.

We have to bear in mind that the Rule starts with the word listen, and this listening together with practice will take us to the Eternal life.