

Oblate Novice Application

Saint Leo Abbey, Saint Leo, Florida, USA

Part 1

FULL NAME: _____

Part 2

Please check box if you have previously e-mailed your current contact information to the oblate office at StLeoOblates@gmail.com. If you have already given your contact information, you may skip to Part 3.

PRIMARY ADDRESS: _____

SECOND ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY TELEPHONE: _____ OTHER PHONE: _____

Part 3

PARISH NAME: _____

BAPTIZED: Yes: _____ No: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____

If you proceed through the time as an Oblate novice, typically one year, at the end of the novice year, you may decide to make a final oblation in the Abbey's Church of the Holy Cross. The final oblation (promise) you will make is as follows:

I, __ of __, Florida
offer myself to Almighty God
through the Blessed Virgin Mary
and our Holy Father Benedict
as an Oblate of Saint Leo Abbey
Saint Leo, Florida,
and promise to dedicate myself
to the service
of God and humanity
according to the Rule
of our Holy Father Benedict
in so far as my state of life permits

After considering the path to a possible life-long promise to God as an Oblate of St. Leo Abbey, describe the following. Attach your responses on separate sheets.

1. Please describe significant steps in your journey of faith.
2. Why do you seek to become an Oblate novice at St. Leo Abbey?
3. How has God touched you in your journey of faith to lead you to Benedictine spirituality and to St. Leo Abbey?

Manual Signature

Date

Optional Digital Signature

Date

Additional Information

You need only one signature on this form. You may type your name in the manual signature box and email the form without printing it or you may print the form and sign the paper copy. As an optional signature method, you may sign the form digitally in which case you do not need to sign the form manually.

If you do not type your responses, please print your contact information – especially your e-mail address – in large, clear letters and numbers.

If you have any questions, please email John Bakas at StLeoOblates@gmail.com or call us at 813-228-8015 (Home) or at the Oblate Office at 352-588-8180.

After you complete this Oblate Novice application, please return it to:

St. Leo Abbey Oblate Chapter Office
PO BOX 2350
SAINT LEO FL 33574-2350

You do not need to mail the form if you e-mail your completed Oblate novice application to the Oblate office at StLeoOblates@gmail.com

If you do not receive a confirming e-mail from the Oblate office within 10 days of submitting this Oblate novice application, please e-mail us again at StLeoOblates@gmail.com and let us know that you have not received a confirming e-mail of your application.

Oblate novice resources are available on the [St Leo Abbey Oblates Blog](http://stleoabbeyoblates.blogspot.com/) at <http://stleoabbeyoblates.blogspot.com/>

“Listen, O my son, to the precepts of thy master, and incline the ear of thy heart.”
Rule of St. Benedict. On your journey to dwell with God may the ancient Benedictine practices guide a listening heart.