



Dear Oblates and Oblate Associates in the USA,

We, as the Mazenodian Family, are often being reminded of the principal of prayer in our mission: *“Oblate spirituality calls us to daily periods of silent prayer to rest in the Mystery of God. This experience makes us more generous in our vocational journey, in the way we relate to the poor and in apostolic community.”* (Fr. Louis Lougen OMI: Letter to the Congregation on the Year of Oblate Vocations, December 8, 2017)

It has become a tradition that the Oblate family unite in prayer for vocations during the Oblate Novena Prayer beginning on May 21, the feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod, through May 29. This year, we are proposing a novena prayer with Mary Immaculate, in commemoration of the 200 years of the experience of the Founder before the Oblate Madonna, on August 15, 1822. During the last three days of the novena prayer, we will also remember in our prayers the 2nd Oblate Lay Associations Congress.

The Vocation ministries of OMI Lacombe Canada, the US Province and Anglo-Irish Province would like to invite you to come together to pray for vocations. We'll be posting every day a short video reflection on our social media. Oblates and Oblate Associates are also invited to gather virtually on ZOOM every day of the Novena at 3PM (ET), 2PM (CT), Noon (PT).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107652308?pwd=dzRHUmE4cXpQVFkzbHFVdXJyR0pZdz09>

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to get to know each other and pray together. The ZOOM room will be open 15 minutes before the prayer for an opportunity to socialize and exchange greetings.

The Prayer portion of the gathering will be streamed LIVE on respected Facebook Page for the public:

May 21, 24, 27: **OMI Lacombe Canada** <https://www.facebook.com/missionaryoblates>

May 22, 25, 28: **OMI Vocations US Province** <https://www.facebook.com/usoblatevocations>

May 23, 26, 29: **OMI Vocations - England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland & Denmark**

<https://www.facebook.com/OMI-Vocations-England-Wales-Scotland-Ireland-Denmark-103828538821953>

Let's unite in prayer and boldly ask for new vocations to the Oblate religious life and priesthood. Let's "leave nothing undared"!

Novena Prayer (text): <https://tinyurl.com/PrayerForVocations>

Invitation Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZspzKzULBTE>

Grateful for all your prayers,

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Fr. Victor M. Patricio, OMI & Steven Montez, OMI – US Province Vocation Director

Fr. Irvin Morastil OMI – Vocation Director for England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Denmark