

COMMUNITY OF THE GOSPEL RECEIVES ITS FIRST OBLATE...DEREK LEE



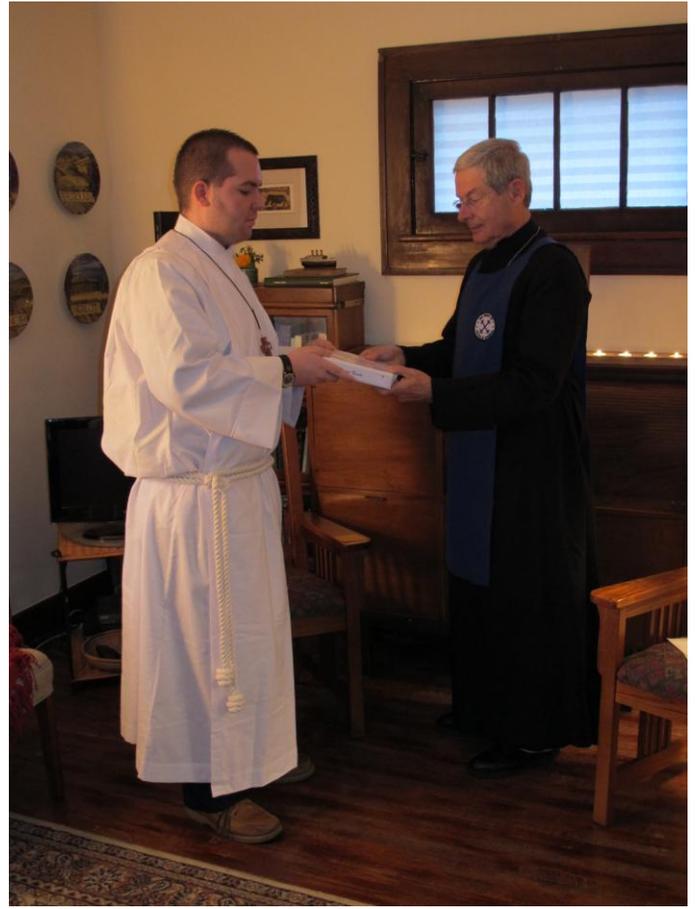
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The Community of the Gospel received its first Oblate, Derek Lee (center) at the home of Br. Daniel-Chad Hoffman (left) in Indianapolis on Sunday, November 11, 2012. Also shown is Sr. Margaret Black from Greenwood, IN. The ceremony was also attended by other friends including members of Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis.

The Community began the Oblate vocation path this past May to offer another way for people to structure their lives around prayer, study, and service. Oblates have supported monastic communities for centuries, enriching them with their prayer support, their talents, and their love of God. They have full voice in Community matters, and represent the desire for unity, peace, and love among all people.



Br. Daniel-Chad's living room served as the sanctuary for the reception liturgy. Other members of the Community joined in via conference call. Following the Reception liturgy, Fr. Gordon Chastain celebrated the Holy Eucharist.



Derek receives his CG Neck Cross and Prayer Book from Fr. Gordon, also with the Order of Julian of Norwich...



...Refreshments were served following the ceremony. A good time was had by all!



Outside Br. Daniel-Chad's home, the attendees posed for a group picture.

The Community of the Gospel was formed in 2007 to provide a way for Christians to build a life around the Gospel of love using the monastic values of prayer, reflective study, and service to others. As a dispersed community, we live and work in different parts of the world in a monastery without walls, but are tightly connected as children of God with a desire to know, love and serve Him in our own unique way.

The Community is designed as a Christian Community under the Canons of the Episcopal Church, and is headquartered in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, WI. We are in Communion with the See of Canterbury, but accept members from other Christian denominations. Our Bishop Visitor is The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, DD (Maine), and our Chaplain is The Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes (Illinois). Including our Bishop Visitor and Chaplain, we have 16 members with 2 more Postulants starting with us in November. There are also 20 "Friends of the Community" that support us in prayer.

For further information, please visit our website at www.communityofthegospel.org, or call Br. Daniel-Joseph, Guardian, at 920-779-4577. Blessings to you!

