

## In Communion

- **With my Oblate Community**

I have a valued place at the table. I am listened to. I listen to others. We pray together, we play together, we work together, we support one another, we forgive and we love. We strive to do all this most often without saying anything!

- **With the Province**

I respect the authority of leadership, I cooperate with the mission. We are consulted; we support leadership in their heavy burdens of office. We strive to do all this because they are the values of lived obedience

- **With the Congregation**

I have a responsibility for the common heritage of the Congregation (C168). I am committed to the mission and to the apostolate. (R7a). We desire that our community life be an outward reflection of the Church as Communion (PHC 17.1). We strive do all this because the Holy Spirit is directing us to; Communion, Intercultural Community and our work with lay people

- **With the Church**

My family brought me to my Baptism that has given me full membership. I profess my faith every Sunday together with the faithful and support the local Church. We will facilitate and cooperate with the Church emphasis on Synodality. We will play our part in the building up of the local Church. We strive to do all this because the Holy Spirit is active here.

- **With Creation**

I am blessed in so many ways as an Oblate to have shelter and nourishment and care. I too have a responsibility, however possible, to ensure care and protection for suffering humanity and for all of God's creation. We will prioritise ecological conversion as a fundamental part of our lives and an integral part of our evangelization (PHC 11.1) "We strive to do this because our mother earth nourishes us without asking. We must take care of her" (Pope Francis to capitulars).

*"Among yourselves practice charity, charity, charity – and outside, zeal for the salvation of souls"*

This testament of St Eugene is a call to share in fraternal communion

### **Prayer to Mary, woman of listening**

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship.

Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life.

Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move “with haste” toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did.  
Amen. *Pope Francis 31 May 2013*

### ***Songbird* by Fleetwood Mack sung by Eva Cassidy**

*For you, there'll be no crying  
For you, the sun will be shining  
'Cause I feel that when I'm with you. It's alright, I know it's right*

*And the songbirds are singing  
Like they know the score  
And I love you, I love you, I love you like never before*

*To you, I'll give the world  
To you, I'll never be cold  
'Cause I feel that when I'm with you. It's alright, I know it's right.*



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*Oblate Perseverance – Continuing to be Pilgrims of Hope  
in Communion*

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