



SAINT LOUIS ABBEY



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As monks or oblates we have a special vocation to listen to the word of God and let it bear fruit in our lives. If you place a seed on a table nothing much is going to happen with it. But placed in good soil with proper nutrients, it combines with its surroundings to produce something new, a plant that has elements both of the original seed and the nurturing environment. The word of God has need of the soil of our own souls if it is to produce fruit. The resulting plant will be a combination of the life in the seed and the materials that we provide for its growth. My holiness will not look like yours because you provide different materials. But it will be the same Christ living in each of us in different ways. My project is to submit all the different parts of myself to the unfolding life of the seed. And when we all reach maturity in holiness we will find that in our diversity we are one because it is the one Christ living in all of us, who unites us as members of his body living in love, in one Spirit.