

## Ministry to Priests through Education

The apostolic expression of our Charism sees us dedicated to education and formation at all age levels, but especially to children and youth.



The Oblate Sisters are ever mindful of the sublime vocation and mission of the priest to serve the people of God by empowering the faithful to fulfil their own particular mission of bringing others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Priests do this especially by breaking open God's Word to their people and by leading their people to an intimate encounter with Jesus through the sacraments. As Oblate Sisters a primary educational aim for which we hold high regard is love, appreciation, and respect for the Ministerial Priesthood.



In cooperation with the priest in his ministry, we Oblate Sisters teach all those who come into our care with a *vocation frame of reference*. In other words the Oblate Sister takes to heart the Church's teaching that God has called everyone to holiness so that each according to her/his vocation will reveal God's kingdom. This holiness and subsequent mission to which we are all called is lived and expressed through the particular state in life to which God has called us – either to the lay state as a married, or a committed single person, to the ordained clergy, or to vowed religious life.



We teach our children from very early on to thank God for the gift of each of these states in life; we deeply respect God's unique-communal life call to each of His children; and we teach our children how to discern God's will in their daily lives as well as how to begin discerning God's particular call to their specific state in life.

In addition to teaching on the elementary, secondary and adult levels, the Oblate Sisters also conduct a preschool and kindergarten at their convent headquarters, Villa Maria Teresa.

The sisters lovingly care for these tender children, teaching them about God's great love, the value of social skills and play, and the excitement and discovery of learning.

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