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A message from Fr. David

We are inviting you to deepen your spiritual life by taking on a set of Benedictine practices.

Taking counsel is listening. It's listening to one another. It's listening to the whole parish community, the "wise ones," and those often unheard. Grumbling is ... well, you know what grumbling is.

There's a relationship between the two behaviors. There will be less grumbling in a parish in which leaders and members respectfully listen to one another. That listening will be an act of holy obedience to the extent the parish culture is one of faith and prayer.

Taking counsel and stopping our grumbling involves orienting ourselves in a direction and taking on certain practices. But there is more to it. We are seeking a change in ourselves. The ground upon which we stand is our current capacity for obedience and stability. Our ability to act in a different way, to change, depends on how well we can listen and respond; how well we can persist in prayer and face the challenges before us.

The Prayer Book Pattern is Daily Office and Sunday Eucharist with reflection/personal devotions assumed and engaged according to our temperament, circumstances and spiritual need.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Just begin. There's no registration. No formal process. Just begin.

You may find that this invitation is a call into a fuller holiness of life -- for you, for your parish community.

For links to resources, go to: <http://www.orderoftheascension.org/the-invitation-2018-take-coun/>

For more information about the Order of the Ascension, see Fr. David.

