

Sacred Scripture and the Rules of the Saints

Partner Work

Circle the excerpt you and your partner have been assigned:

- *Rule of Saint Augustine, chapters 1 and 2*
- *Rule of Saint Benedict, chapter 53*
- *Rule of Saint Francis chapters I and II*

Read the excerpt and respond to the following questions:

1. How is Sacred Scripture used or referred to in the Rule?
2. What practical advice does the Rule offer for those who wish to live by it?
3. How do you see the religious vows (evangelical counsels) of poverty, chastity, and obedience evident in the Rule? (*Note: In the excerpt you read, you may see evidence of one, two, or all three of these vows.*)
4. How do you see the value of community reflected in the Rule?
5. How do you see the value of simplicity, or living simply, reflected in the Rule?
6. What do you think it would be like to live under the guidance of this Rule? What would be most helpful for you? What would be most difficult?



Group Work

List three similarities you observe among all three rules:

1.

2.

3.

List one unique aspect of each Rule:

- Augustinian Rule:
- Benedictine Rule:
- Franciscan Rule:

