

Linda's Letter

Dear Maddie,

You have asked me to explain Benedictine Stability as it relates to my life at this moment. I am connected to the Sisters at the House of Bread Monastery as an Associate and Oblate and have been for approximately twenty years.

I have relationships with each member of the Community in different ways. I find God in all we do together – be it leading the music at Saturday liturgy, taking part in the discussions (in my own way) at Community meetings, being another voice at morning prayer, having them walk with me through a dark moment (as in the past week), giving my time and talents as needed or just plain having fun together. If they need me I will be there. All these situations help me to find God in them and in myself in the ordinary day-to-day happening in my life.

It is possible to do this and not be a fully vowed member of the monastery. I try to live my life in the Community that compliments my married life. I have been married to Terry for forty-seven years – another form of stability. My connection to the House of Bread is an extension of the stability I have in my marriage.

With the help of Terry and the Community I have been able to find God in the ordinary moments. I like being here and staying here, being open to listen to God's voice within, and willing to change in any way God wants me to change. This is my life and I am happy in it.

Love,
Linda.