



Fr. Rocky Grimard
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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY NOVITIATE

Assistant Novice Master: Fr. Rocky Grimard OMI

Candidates who enter the Oblate Congregation as members of the Assumption Province in Canada make their novitiate year in the United States or Poland. Fr. Rocky Grimard, OMI, a member of Assumption Province, is assistant novice master at the Oblate novitiate in Godfrey, Illinois, in the United States. The following are a few thoughts he relates about his ministry:

“My main ministry here is to guide our young novices and journey with them during the year. I help them understand community life, introduce them to prayer and help them develop a spiritual life. I also introduce them to the Founder of the Oblates and give them a history of our congregation. I journey with the young men for one year taking them through a desert experience where we ask them to come to know their God and themselves in a more deep and intimate way. This is a very special and enriching spiritual year for the novice who prepares himself to enter vowed life in our community, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. This year we have seven novices from different parts of the world. One from Haiti, one from Mexico, one from the United States, one from Canada and three from Zambia. The youngest is 22 and the oldest is 27”.