

Chapter 8 Test:

The Age of Saint Benedict

Name: _____

Part 1: Circle the best answer.

1. **Saint Benedict established a rule that encouraged monks who entered a Benedictine monastery to learn which two virtues?**
 - a. Humility and obedience
 - b. Humility and temperance
 - c. Discipline and patience
 - d. Poverty and chastity
2. **Where did Benedictine monasteries advance the Church's mission of evangelization?**
 - a. In North America
 - b. In South America
 - c. In Australia
 - d. Throughout pagan Europe
3. **What term is used to describe a common set of practices and ways of living in a religious community?**
 - a. A vow
 - b. A rule
 - c. An order
 - d. A canon
4. **What is the first word of Saint Benedict's Rule?**
 - a. Remember
 - b. Hear
 - c. Listen
 - d. Consider
5. **The sevenfold sequence of prayer in the Benedictine life features which of the following?**
 - a. The Canticles
 - b. The Psalms
 - c. The Wisdom of Solomon
 - d. Proverbs
6. **What does it mean to evangelize?**
 - a. To spread the Gospel of Christ
 - b. To tell other people they are wrong
 - c. To discourage faith in Jesus
 - d. To be ashamed of your faith in Jesus

7. How do we participate in the Church's mission of evangelization?

- a. By arguing with others about our faith
- b. By never speaking to others about our faith
- c. By our words and our holiness
- d. By our sinful habits

Part 2: Write "T" if the statement is completely true. Write "F" if it is even partly false, and then rewrite the statement on the line below to make it true.

- T** 1. The practice of *lectio divina*, or divine reading, consists of prayerful meditation on Scripture and dialogue with God, who speaks to us through his inspired Word.
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- T** 2. Benedictine monasteries were the primary centers of evangelization in pagan Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire.
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- _____
- F** 3. Benedictine monasteries made war and political division possible for an emerging Christian society in western Europe.
- Benedictine monasteries made peace and political unity possible for an emerging Christian society in western Europe.**

Part 3: Answer the reflection question.

Prayer, reading, and work form the pillars of the Benedictine lifestyle, but these practices also have great potential to bear fruit in our own lives if we adopt them according to our time and capacity. How can you incorporate more prayer, reading, and work into your daily routine? Consider choosing one of those pillars to cultivate intentionally over the coming weeks.

Answers may vary.
