

Resources

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¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

Malachi 3.10 (NRSV)

Rule of Life. Name: _____

Date: _____

The Rule of Life is an ancient tool used within monastic communities to govern the lives of its members. They began with the common values of the community, including the vows that bound the community to Christ and one another.

As the community of the baptized, the vows that bind us are those held in common with all the baptized.

In preparation for Thanksgiving Sunday you are invited to reflect upon these vows in the light of these areas of your life:

- Time
- Learning
- Service
- Worship
- Resources

This will involve looking at your current practice and commitments, and deciding prayerfully, in the light of all God has done for us, what return we wish to make.

The extra element in this process, is finding someone we are willing to trust with this information, someone we are willing to hold us accountable. This does not need to be someone from St Barnabas. There will be a temptation to avoid this last commitment. Please resist it!

May this process be an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth, and a time of renewing your trust in the Triune God.

Every blessing and peace,

Fr John

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

Baptism Service ABPA p.56.

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