

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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EVANGELIUM LIVE: Lk 12,49-53

Division. At first glance, this is a frightening word for me, expressing something negative that I don't want to experience. But when I read this Gospel, I realized that it is something I am currently experiencing. By moving from Moravia to Plasy, I had to separate myself from my family and friends. It wasn't easy for me, but at some point I realized that it was made easier by moments when I experienced differences of opinion and disagreements within my family. If everything in our family had been in harmony, perfect and pleasant, I definitely wouldn't have wanted to move out. This division in the family came at the right time, when I needed to become independent. And thanks to that, I can follow my calling to live in marriage and in the Mazenod family, which should lead to making my first association vows in October. So, for me, the split brought me closer to my fiancé Jiri, the Oblates, and all of you.



*From Pope Francis' speech to the members of the 37th General Chapter, 2022:
You have chosen to be pilgrims, to rediscover and live your condition as wayfarers in this world, beside the men and women, the poor and the least of the earth, to whom the Lord sends you to announce his Kingdom.*

Luke 12,49-53

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

