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Seminararian Profile: Adam Puntel



ADAM PUNTEL
III THEOLOGY

Born and raised in Centerville, OH, Adam Puntel is a member of Incarnation Parish and graduated from Centerville HS and the University of Toledo. Though Adam's faith was always important to him, it wasn't

until a diocesan priest, Fr. Niewiadomski, noticed his unusual 'fun' reading list – including C.S. Lewis, St. Augustine, Chesterton, and St. Thomas Aquinas – and challenged him to consider the priesthood, did he seriously contemplate it. While he considered a contemplative religious order, he realized that his spirituality was being fed by others and decided upon the diocesan priesthood.

Both of his parents were examples of prayer, encouraging him to be active in his faith and accepting of his decision to enter the seminary. Currently in III Theology, Adam considers his second year in theology to be not only his toughest, but

also the most enriching to his spiritual and prayer life.

Adam knows that the prayers offered by others have had a huge impact on his life. The Mass is the center of his life and thinks that the ritual of the regular prayer times throughout the day in the Liturgy of the Hours keeps him centered. He particularly likes the book 'Practice in the Presence of God' by Brother Lawrence.

When asked for a last bit of wisdom, Adam said 'In today's culture, take the time often to turn off all the noise, especially the television, find a quiet place to pray and to build a relationship with God.'

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Mass for the Renewal of the Priesthood and an Increase of Vocations, November 28. OLHSC at Noon.
- ◆ Northern Call of the King Conference: 18 January 2009; St. Mary's, Piqua
- ◆ For details, see the 'Upcoming Events page at cincinnati vocations.org



The Holy Father Speaks

The Eucharistic form of the Christian life is seen in a very special way in the priesthood. Priestly spirituality is intrinsically Eucharistic. The seeds of this spirituality are already found in the words spoken by the Bishop during the ordination liturgy: "Receive the oblation of the holy people to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's Cross." In order to give an ever greater Eucharistic form to his existence,

the priest, beginning with his years in the seminary, should make his spiritual life his highest priority. He is called to seek God tirelessly, while remaining attuned to the concerns of his brothers and sisters. An intense spiritual life will enable him to enter more deeply into communion with the Lord and to let himself be possessed by God's love, bearing witness to that love at all times, even the darkest and most difficult. I join the Synod Fathers in recommending

"the daily celebration of Mass, even when the faithful are not present." This is consistent with the objectively infinite value of every celebration of the Eucharist, and is motivated by the Mass's unique spiritual fruitfulness. If celebrated in a faith-filled and attentive way, Mass is formative in the deepest sense of the word, since it fosters the priest's configuration to Christ and strengthens him in his vocation. Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* 80



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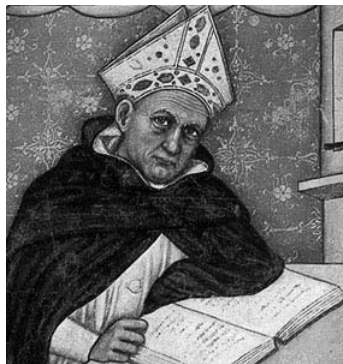
St. Michael Prayer Warriors is an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Vocation Office whose members agree to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life for at least one hour per month. Voluntary sacrifice is also encouraged as an offering of self for the gift of vocations. The 'Prayer Warriors' newsletter is published ten times per year, and is distributed electronically to parishes, seminarians, members, and potential candidates for the seminary.

Members also agree to encourage their pastor in his own ongoing conversion, for priests remain the best recruiter of priests. For this, members will pray for their bishops and priests during their hour of adoration.

As the Master instructs us to pray for more laborers for His fields, we willingly agree to this undertaking.

To enroll for the monthly newsletter, send an email to vocations@catholiccincinnati.org or call the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131.

Prayer Intentions, November



**ST. ALBERT THE GREAT
FEAST DAY—NOVEMBER 15**

This month features the feast of St. Albert the Great, a Dominican friar born in 1206 in Lauingen along the Danube River. He was a scientist before the age of science and was considered a wizard and magician. He became the teacher and mentor of another remarkable mind: St. Thomas

Aquinas. Ordained the bishop of Ratisbon, he was dedicated to establishing peace and advancing the intellectual developments of the time. He died in Cologne in 1280.

Prayer Intentions:

- Archbishop Pilarczyk
- Archbishop Schnurr
- Pastor of your Parish
- The souls of deceased priests and bishops

Outline of Prayer for November

- Rosary, meditation on the Glorious Mysteries
- Scripture Reading: Rev 11:19 - 12:6
- November 15 is the Feast of St. Albert the Great. Read a book that will advance your Catholic faith: a saint's biography, a scripture study, or

book on prayer.

- **A project for Children:** November 30 is the Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle and brother of St. Peter. Read the account in Mark (1:14-22) of Jesus calling His Apostles. Ask them to describe or draw the scene.

Sacrifice: Consider choosing one Thursday a month to fast (complete or partial) for the priests of your parish and the archdiocese as well as vocations as it is the day the priesthood and the Eucharist were instituted by Christ.

Charity: Often priests cannot go home to their families on Thanksgiving, so consider an invitation to Thanksgiving dinner OR to join in football watching or other family activities that occur over this weekend.

