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## Priest Profile: Fr. Rob Jack



**FR. ROB JACK**  
INSTRUCTOR—MT. ST.

Fr. Rob Jack is an instructor of Systematic Theology at Mount St Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. Born and raised in Middletown Ohio and the oldest of 3 children, he graduated from Fenwick High School in 1983 and the Josephinum in 1987,

with ordination to the priesthood in 1992, but he knew at his First Communion that he would be a priest.

An early assignment at Chaplain at Jewish hospital continues to influence his priesthood, as Fr. Jack says, "it was when I began working with the sick that I really learned what it means to be a priest. It is when you are on the front lines, dealing with issues of life, suffering and death, that you realize things get very simple and down to the basics of faith, hope and charity."

One of the principles he tries to impart on the seminarians he teaches, is that in order to be a good priest, he must get involved in people's lives and have a deep

understanding of Catholic doctrine in order to pass it on to others.

Finally, Fr. Jack says that his prayer life is 'at the center of all I do.' In addition to celebrating Mass and praying the Liturgy of the Hours, he has a special devotion to Our Lady, particularly through praying the Rosary.

Father Jack has a new website [www.EcceSacerdos.com](http://www.EcceSacerdos.com) (Behold the Priest) for the renewal of the priesthood. It will be kicked off on September 3, the Feast of St. Gregory the Great.

When asked what he would tell a young man who might be interested in the priesthood, Fr. Jack simply responded: 'Pray, listen and serve the needs others.'

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ Prayer Warriors Kick Off Event, September 21, OLHSC
- ◆ Mass for the Renewal of the Priesthood and an Increase of Vocations, September 26, OLHSC at Noon.
- ◆ Discernment Retreat, Mount St. Mary's Seminary, October 3-4
- ◆ Frohlich Farm High School Event, October 5
- ◆ For details, see the 'Upcoming Events' page at [www.cincinnati.vocations.org](http://www.cincinnati.vocations.org)



## The Holy Father Speaks

"There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him." (From the Inaugural Mass of the Papacy of Benedict XVI) These words are all the more significant if we think of the mystery of the Eucharist. The love that we celebrate in the sacrament is not something we can

keep to ourselves. By its very nature it demands to be shared with all. What the world needs is God's love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in Him. The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church's life, but also of her mission: "an authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church." We too must be able to tell our brothers and sisters with conviction: "That which we have seen

and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us" (1 Jn 1:3). Truly, nothing is more beautiful than to know Christ and to make Him known to others. The institution of the Eucharist, for that matter, anticipates the very heart of Jesus' mission: He is the one sent by the Father for the redemption of the world (cf. Jn 3:16-17; Rom 8:32).

- Pope Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis* 84



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## HOLY FATHER'S SEPT PRAYER INTENTION:

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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](mailto:vocations@catholiccincinnati.org) or call the Vocation Office at 513-421-3131.*

## Prayer Intentions, September



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS -  
SEPTEMBER 15**

This month features Our Lady of Sorrows, celebrated on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. With origins in the Gospels of John 19:25, Mary standing at the foot of the cross,

and Luke 2:35, "Your own soul a sword shall pierce," the present form of this devotion includes the following scripture based "Seven Sorrows":

1. Prophecy of Simeon (Lk 2, 34-35)
2. Flight into Egypt (Mt 2, 13-21)
3. Loss of Jesus for three days (Lk 2, 41-50)
4. Ascent to Calvary (Jn 19, 17)
5. Crucifixion and death of Jesus (Jn 19, 18-30)
6. Jesus taken down from the cross (Jn 19, 39-40)
7. Jesus laid in the tomb (Jn 19, 40-42)

### Prayer Intentions:

- Archbishop Pilarczyk
- Pastor of your Parish
- New Seminarians

### Outline of Prayer for Sept

- Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries
- Scripture Reading: Read one of the Seven Sorrows and meditate on it.
- Go to a church a privately pray the Stations of the Cross focusing on Mary's sorrow.

**A project for Children:** Have them choose one of the Seven Sorrows and read them the story. Have them explain why Mary is sorrowful. Pray one decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries together.

**Sacrifice:** On Sept 15, Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, consider fasting (or partial fast) for reparation for offenses against the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Charity:** Priests often like music and books—give them a gift card to a book store or Amazon.

