

Please continue to pray for Sr. Zola Pickett



On September 21st, Sr. Zola Pickett will take her vows to enter the novitiate of the Congregation of Albertine Sisters Serving the Poor. On that day, she will receive the holy habit and a new name from their Mother General Sister Teresa, who will be visiting America from Poland during that time. The Mother General Sister Teresa is visiting because that same weekend the Albertine Sisters will be celebrating their Fiftieth Anniversary of service in the United States (1974 – 2024). A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held Sunday, September 22nd at 2 pm and can be viewed from the Carmelite Monastery's YouTube channel, *Carmelite Fathers: Discalced Carmelite Fathers Church in Munster, IN*.

The Congregation of Albertine Sisters Serving the Poor

Congregatio Sororum Albertinarum Pauperibus Inservientium (CSAPI) or simply known as the Albertine Sisters; are Sisters of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis.

In following the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi, St. Brother Albert Chmielowski gave up his promising career as a painter to live among the beggars. So too, the Albertine Sisters consecrate themselves by means of following the evangelical counsels and serving the poorest and most miserable, in whom they recognize the image of the Suffering Jesus. The Sisters take public vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, lead a fraternal life, and give themselves to apostolic activity.



The Albertine Sister is called to serve the most needy of her neighbors, and this in an ever more sacrificial way, the more the image of Divine filiation seems to be disfigured or completely effaced, according to Brother Albert's words: *The more one is abandoned, the greater the love with which we must serve that person, since it is the wounded Lord Jesus Himself whom we rescue in the person of the poor.*

Christ manifests this attitude of sacrificial love most fully in the Eucharist: Since He becomes Bread – so the Father of the Poor teaches – so let us be bread. [...] Let us give of our very selves. The Albertine Sister should therefore be marked by the type of goodness of which bread is the model.

“We should be good like bread, which is set on the table for all, so that each, when he is hungry, may cut off a piece for himself, and so be nourished.” - Saint Brother Albert

The Sisters likewise seek to become like Christ, who became poor for our sake. The Albertine Sisters do not have personal possessions, and their simple way of living and working draws them close to those whom they serve. In accord with their charism, they combine the fulfillment of their mission with a deep and genuine life of prayer.

You can find out more about the Albertine Sister at <https://albertinesisters.org/>