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# THE EAGLE'S NEST

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## Come Fly with us.



My Dear Youth and Friends in Christ,  
Thanksgiving is traditionally a time of year when we gather with family and friends in sincere gratitude for God's abundant

blessings in our lives.

In Matthew's Gospel, our Lord invites us to "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (6:26). Each of us matters that much to God!

Throughout history, thanksgivings have been held at the end of harvests, in celebration of successful growing seasons. But the yield at harvest time is always unpredictable, just as life's trials. However, our faith assures us that when challenges abound, God's grace abounds even more.

As we give thanks for our blessings, we must remember the One who blesses us. I encourage you to spend time with our Lord in prayer and especially at Mass, whether in person or through live stream, and through our Eagle Rising Website that has mass and live adoration from chapels around the world! To thank Him for the many blessings, seen or unseen, that you have received and for the gift of the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" means thanksgiving and we have no more perfect way to thank the Father than to join

ourselves to Christ's perfect act of praise and thanksgiving.

I and the rest of the Eagle Rising Ambassadors are extremely thankful for this Ministry and for each and every one of you, that have shared this blessing in some way. ~Fr. Sammy, Spiritual Director~



Jesus fed 5000 but only 500 followed him after lunch. He had 12 disciples but only 3 went further in the garden, and only 1 stood with him at the Cross. The closer you get to the Cross, the smaller the crowd gets.

### OUR PRAYER

*Lord, guide us to be of service to you and others. Inspire us to care for all your creation, especially the youth. Fill us with truth, hope and love in all that we do. Unite us to faithfully journey together with you, as we work to build Your Kingdom within our community.*

~Serviam~

## INFOCUS:

- Being grateful this Thanksgiving
- Saint Albert the Great
- November 15, 2024, next Youth Night



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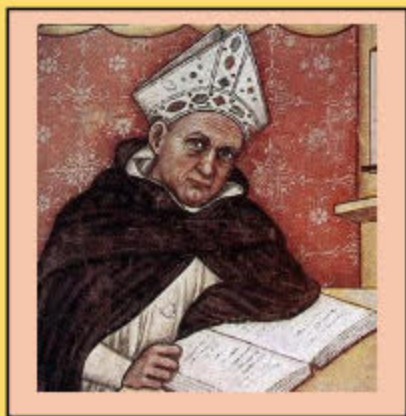


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**ST. ALBERT the GREAT (Died 1280 A.D.)**  
THE PATRON SAINT OF SCIENTISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS

**Feast: November 15**

**He was known as the "teacher of everything there is to know," was a scientist long before the age of science, and became the teacher and mentor of that other remarkable mind of his time, St. Thomas Aquinas.**

St. Albert the Great was born in Lauingen on the Danube, near Ulm, Germany. His father was a military lord in the army of Emperor Frederick II. As a young man, Albert studied at the University of Padua and there he was inspired by Blessed Jordan of Saxony, the Dominican who made the rounds throughout the universities of Europe drawing the best young men of the universities into the Dominicans.

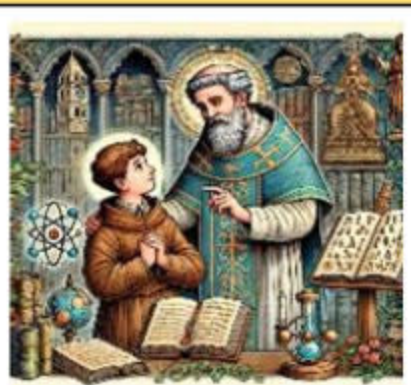
His family home was a castle, so he could afford the best education from the new universities that were being opened throughout Europe. When Albert graduated, he joined the Dominican order over his family's objections.

This great student became an even greater teacher. He taught at the universities of Paris and Cologne. One of his most famous students was Thomas Aquinas, who later was canonized a saint. We believe that Thomas' study of philosophy with Albert helped prepare Thomas to write his famous theology books which are still studied today.

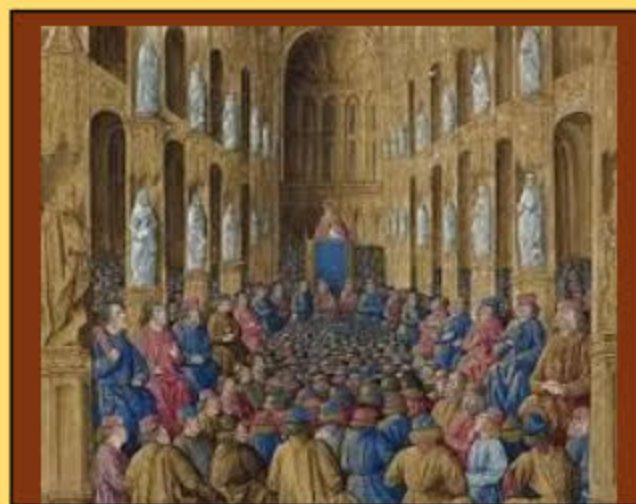
Albert also helped Thomas in another important way. Thomas was a large man and very shy.



**University of Paris**



People called him a "dumb ox," but Albert said that if Thomas was an ox, he was one whose bellow would be heard throughout the world. Albert helped Thomas to understand that God had given him the gift of intelligence that he could use to help others know and love the Catholic faith. Albert built up Thomas' self-confidence so that he could believe in his own talents.



**Council of Lyons, 1274**

In his later years, he resided in Cologne, took part in the Council of Lyons in 1274, and in his old age traveled to Paris to defend the teaching of his student Thomas Aquinas. Albert died at the age of 74 but left behind a treasury of 38 books on many different subjects. These books help us to better understand the world God created for us to care for and to use wisely.

In 1260, he was appointed bishop of Regensburg; when he resigned after three years, he was called to be an adviser to the pope and was sent on several diplomatic missions.

It was in Cologne that his reputation as a scientist grew. He carried on experiments in chemistry and physics in his makeshift laboratory and built up a collection of plants, insects, and chemical compounds that gave substance to his reputation. When Cologne decided to build a new cathedral, he was consulted about the design. He was friend and adviser to popes, bishops, kings, and statesmen and made his own unique contribution to the learning of his age.

He died a very old man in Cologne on November 15, 1280, and is buried in St. Andrea's Church in that city. He was canonized and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931 by Pope Pius XI. His writings are remarkable for their exact scientific knowledge, and for that reason he has been made the patron saint of scientists.

Thought for the Day: St. Albert the Great was convinced that all creation spoke of God and that the tiniest piece of scientific knowledge told us something about Him. Besides the Bible, God has given us the book of creation revealing something of His wisdom and power. In creation, Albert saw the hand of God.

The people of his time (priests, Church officials, professors, students, and even kings) gave Albert the nickname "the Great." It was a wise choice. The Church honors Albert as both a saint and a Doctor, or great teacher, of our faith. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1931 and is the patron saint of medical technicians and scientists. — various source.

### ***Word of God***

From "The Catholic One Year Bible": Since we have a kingdom nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving him with thankful hearts, and with holy fear and awe. For our God is a consuming fire. — Hebrews 12:28-29. ~Andrea, Chairperson~

## ***Youth Corner***

Last month, we had an incredible evening filled with prayer, dancing, laughter, teaching, and connection. We can't wait to see even more of you at our next Youth Night on November 15! Mark your calendars and bring a friend—it's going to be another amazing night.

Free entrance and food both for your souls and for your stomach is provided.

