

**THE PAULINE  
FATHERS & BROTHERS**



**ORDER  
OF  
SAINT PAUL  
THE FIRST HERMIT**

# A MONASTIC ORDER

With the motto...

“Solus Cum Deo Solo” - *“Alone With God Alone”*  
A religious community of monks of Pontifical Rite.  
Following the Rule of St. Augustine.

## DEDICATED TO MARY

Fostering a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
The custodians of the miraculous picture of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa.



“The particular characteristic of the Pauline spirit and its apostolic action is to show Mary’s role in the Mystery of Christ and the Church, to imitate Her virtues, and to develop veneration to Her.”

- from the Pauline Constitutions

## PRAYER • APOSTOLATE • DEVOTION



"The celebration of the Holy Eucharist forms the center of our whole community and is the source of our fraternal unity."

- from the Pauline Constitutions



"In prayer we recognize God's plan for us and the world. We deeply penetrate into the saving mysteries of Christ, and we unite ourselves with the loving Father."

- from the Pauline Constitutions



"...You are particularly called here to love, to the great love of souls. This love has its source in the great love of God. You are the dispensers of this love which the Eternal God at this place, especially at this place, wishes to shower upon the sons and daughters of the Polish Nation through the Mother of His Son. ...In this lies your Pauline, religious perfection and your mission."

- John Paul II to the Pauline Fathers  
Jasna Gora, June 19, 1983

# ORDER OF ST PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT

The Pauline Order, founded in 1215, embraces the vocations of the priesthood and brotherhood.

Both Priests and Brothers wear the same habit, profess the same vows, and share together in the rich liturgical and devotional life of the Monastery.

The Habit, which is received at the beginning of the Novitiate, consists of a white tunic, scapular cowl, and rosary worn on the left side.

Candidates for the Priesthood make a one year Novitiate. They then pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree at a seminary approved by the Order with a major in Philosophy. Four years of Theological study are then made, followed by ordination.

Those wishing to serve the Order as a Brother also make a six month Postulancy which is followed by a two year Novitiate. Brothers may attend college after their novitiate if they are so inclined.

The Order of St. Paul the First Hermit offers men an excellent opportunity to serve their God and His Blessed Mother in a variety of ways. Our main apostolate is shrine work but we also have a retreat house and we have a number of parishes. It is a privilege to belong to the order which has for centuries promoted devotion to the Mother of God.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

*A candidate to the Order of St. Paul the First Hermit should have:*

- A desire to serve God more intimately.
- A deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- A good moral character.
- Sufficient good health.
- Several meetings with the Order's Vocation Director.
- A visit to the Monastery - *Come & See!*

## DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Baptismal and Confirmation certificates.
- Recent medical report (including blood tests).
- Psychological testing results.
- School transcripts.
- Three character references.
- A copy of parents' marriage certificate.
- Recommendation of pastor or other priest.
- Two recent photographs.

## ORDO SANCTI PAULI PRIMI EREMITÆ

### O.S.P.P.E

The Pauline Order is a community in which monastic priests and brothers realize their vocation through prayer, penance, preaching the Word of God and administering the Holy Sacraments, and by undertaking voluntary poverty, obedience and chastity. This order was founded by hermits in Hungary in the XIII century. When the first monks began their



*Saint Paul the First Hermit*

communal life they chose as their patron St. Paul, the First Hermit from Thebes (230-343). The Pauline Order was first brought to Poland in 1382 to cherish and safeguard the Miraculous Painting of Our Lady placed at Jasna Gora in Czestochowa by Count Wladyslaw Opolczyk. Soon thereafter, the monks

in white habits were entrusted with other churches, which often became recognized as Marian Shrines. During their long and rich history, the Paulines became known as the faithful sons of the Holy Church and great venerators of Our Lady.

The first monastery in the United States was founded in 1955 when a small farmhouse was purchased in Doylestown PA. The farmhouse was converted into a monastery and the barn into a chapel. In 1966, a large new Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa was dedicated.



*National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
Doylestown, Pennsylvania USA*

DEDICATED TO OUR BELOVED  
MOTHER OF CZESTOCHOWA



"In the apostolate of our Order, almost from the very beginning, Mary has played a special role. She is present in its life and in all spheres of its activities. Our Order has always venerated Her as the Mother of Grace and Goodness, and also as our Queen and Lady, and our Order has zealously propagated devotion to Her."

*- from the Pauline Constitutions*

*"... let all members intercede before God that he might constantly renew our Monastic Community and enrich it with new members..."*

*- from the Pauline Constitutions*

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