

## SUMMATIVE EVALUATION

DANIEL CLARK (ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE)  
CPR = 2.26 (END OF III THEOLOGY)  
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The Formation Team has not been asked to make a recommendation about ordination to the priesthood for Deacon Daniel Clark. This summative evaluation serves rather as a report on the Formation Team's perceptions about Dan Clark's personal development during his years of formation at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary.

Dan's pastoral work has been consistently evaluated very positively by various directors and supervisors over the last several years. The work he did at the Cincinnati Correctional Institution received high marks as did his most recent parish experience in Louisville, Kentucky.

Dan's work as a student has been a history of slow progress. It has been felt that Dan's academic work is at best adequate. Interestingly enough he has shown enthusiasm about some courses of study here to such a degree that one is led to suspect that Dan could actually do better academically than he has done if his heart were in it. Applying himself to hard work in tasks which he finds distasteful may always be a special challenge for Dan.

Dan maintains that the Eucharist and daily prayer are an important part of his life. It was noted in reports from his Deacon internship that Dan daily joined the parish team for prayer. Yet it must be stated that Dan rarely takes part in the prayer life of the Seminary community. This has been especially noted this year by all members of the Formation Team and appears, as well, on previous yearly evaluations.

In regards to student life, Dan appears to have made a few friends here and generally mixes well with most people. He appears relaxed and friendly. However, he himself states that the four years he has lived at the Mount have been four very unhappy years. It is a concern of the Formation Team for Dan that he work through some of his felt conflicts with the seminary experience he has had, less his past experience make dealing with conflicts unusually difficult in the future. It is the perception of the Formation Team further, that Dan is sometimes unwilling to compromise on issues, but that he would rather choose his own course of action above that of the group.

Our report ends with several questions which Dan could possibly pursue in future spiritual direction: Can Dan deal with repressed anger? Can Dan invest enough in the present to be effective where he has encountered difficulty? Can Dan pray with a larger community when he is not happy with them?