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This year was one of Spiritual Journey as I had the opportunity to spend three months on Pilgrimage in the Holy Land and in Rome during the Winter Quarter December 2008. The Holy Land Pilgrimage is a tremendous blessing for all third year seminarians to immerse ourselves in the history of salvation by studying and traveling abroad. The scriptures came alive as we visited the holy sites and walked in the same places, ate the same food and encountered political and religious struggles amongst the people, just as our Lord Jesus had. I am now able to see the holy places of the bible in my mind's eye through visualization and this grace will surely support my preaching when giving homilies in the future. The whole experience was both spiritually and intellectually transforming. On Pilgrimage, I had powerful encounters with the living God that will certainly nourish and sustain me throughout the priesthood.

In June, I began my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Summer Program at Good Samaritan Hospital, where I have received intense training as a hospital chaplain. I worked with the sick, the dying and the bereaved. It has been an amazing opportunity to work on my pastoral skills, in preparation for parish ministry.

My home parish is St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville and I have two siblings: Dinna who lives in Hinsdale with her Husband Albert and sons Ethan and Nate, and my other sister Salve Regina who lives in Naperville with her husband Chris and sons, Nick and Peter. My parents Felipe and Dolores also live in Naperville.

I am looking forward, God willing, to my deaconate ordination on November 1, 2008 and my priesthood ordination on June 6, 2009. I have felt the strength of all your prayers for me and again.