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I was born in Florida, but my family moved to Bloomington, Illinois when I was twelve. I earned my undergraduate degree in pre-medicine/biology from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Before seminary, I worked as an Emergency Medical Technician and as a 911 dispatcher.

I started discerning my call to the priesthood in 2000, when I entered Saint John Vianney Seminary in Denver, Colorado. I studied there for four years, but as it turns out, the Lord has called me to serve him closer to home and my family, and so I am now studying for the Diocese of Joliet.

I have just finished my second year of theology at Mundelein Seminary. The studies are challenging but I am learning a lot about God and the Church that will someday help me to be a better priest. In addition to studies, I have been fortunate to spend some time as a seminarian intern at two of the parishes in the diocese. I worked at Saint Walter Parish in Roselle, and more recently I worked at Saint Dominic Parish in Bolingbrook. This time in the parishes has helped me to understand what it means to be a priest and humbled me with the realization that there is still a lot for me to learn about priesthood. Last summer I spent six weeks in Morelia, Mexico to work on my ability to speak and understand Spanish, a skill that is becoming more important for our priests.

This past year I had the opportunity to spend three months in Israel with Mundelein's Pilgrimage Quarter. We had the opportunity to study the scripture and visit the holy sites. I am thankful for the opportunity to enter so deeply into the life of Christ while I was there. It was a profound experience.

This summer I have been working as a Hospital Chaplain Intern at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois. I am looking forward to my final year of studies and I am preparing myself to become a Deacon this November.

Preparing for the priesthood is a challenging endeavor, but knowing that I have people praying for my success gives me strength for the journey!