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I was born on August 7th, 1987 to Robert and Cheryl Malicki into a good Catholic home with three 3 older sisters (Angela 29, Christina 26 and Alayna 24) but when I reached high school, Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, I fell away from the faith.

Since my behavior at home deteriorated, I stopped going to Mass on Sundays. Obviously my mom was very concerned. She began praying the Rosary very fervently for me and, to put it plainly, God revealed Himself to me on my drive home one night.

I graduated high school in 2005 then took a year off to work and discern my vocation. After a year I went to the summer candidacy program with the Legionaries of Christ and discovered God was calling me elsewhere. I then tried seminary for our diocese and they wisely said "Wait." After this, I made my way to Kankakee Community College from 2006-2007 and then moved onto Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio from 2007-2008 which, being at that school, radically changed my life. I even spent a month in France during Christmas break to discern with a religious community! This too, however, was not my call.

Praying one day at a local intercessors' group in my home area during the summer of '08 I asked Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, "What do you want of me?" He said "I want your heart." I told Him that He already *had* my heart. The Lord responded clearly, "I want an undivided heart." So I talked to Fr. Burke Masters, our Diocesan Vocation Director, and he spoke with Bishop Sartain. And here I am! This summer I was a part of the S.E.T. (Seminarian Evangelization Team), a summer catechesis program in our Diocese for grade school up through high school.