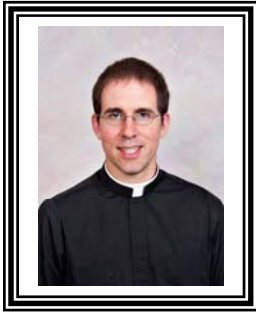


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I grew up in Glen Ellyn, Illinois with my parents, John and Penny and three sisters: Kathy, Nancy and Jackie. We have been life-long parishioners at St. James the Apostle Parish in Glen Ellyn where I made my First Communion and received Confirmation. I was active in the parish as an altar server, youth representative to the Parish Council, and as a Eucharistic Minister. I attended Glen Crest Middle School and Glenbard South High School. After graduating from high school in the spring of 2005, I began studying chemistry and chemical engineering at the University of Illinois.

While at the University of Illinois, I went through two distinct phases. The first was a period of questioning the Church's teachings and traditions which prepared me for a deep conversion. The second phase was a period of transformation in which the faith my family handed on to me, became my own. At the U of I, the Newman Center became like a second home. I joined a discernment group, bible studies, and the Koinonia retreat program. While in the discernment group, I realized that to my initial surprise the Lord asked me to enter seminary. Upon completion of my engineering degree, I began to study at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, for the Diocese of Peoria.

Following my three years in the Diocese of Peoria, where I attended the Institute for Priestly Formation, the Lord made me aware of the need to reexamine my discernment to the Diocese of Peoria. Over the next six months, I discerned that I was called to return to the Diocese of Joliet where the seeds of my vocation had been planted.

I am in my second year of formation at Mundelein Seminary. It was truly a blessed time for me. The Lord called me to a greater intimacy with him and allowed me to make numerous new friends. This past quarter, I worked at Visitation Parish in Elmhurst under the leadership of Fr. Siegel and Fr. Pratscher. I met many wonderful families and have made many new friends.

This past summer I was a part of the Seminarian Evangelization Team or SET for short. We traveled to six different parishes sharing our love for Jesus Christ and his Church. It was really a great opportunity for me to work with the youth of our diocese. I want to thank you for your prayers and ask that you please continue to pray for me. God Bless