



## **John Honiotes**

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In 1987, I was born to Nick and Meg Honiotes in Joliet, IL. My twin sisters, Maira and Elizabeth joined us two years later. Both my mother and father were native to the area though from very different backgrounds. My father came from a Greek background and was raised in the Greek Orthodox faith. My mother, who he married at the age of 25, was born into a large Catholic Irish family. Both families combined, my sisters and I have numerous cousins, all of whom I am still close with. My sisters and I were raised Catholic and sent to St. Mary's Nativity and Joliet Catholic Academy for our education.

Following high school, I attended Carthage College in Kenosha, WI. For the next two years, I lived the average college lifestyle. I did not take my Catholic religion for anything more than Mass on Sundays and the occasional rosary with my Mother when back in Joliet for a long weekend.

During the end of my sophomore year, I made the decision to transfer to DePaul University in Chicago, IL. During this time, I began to pray the rosary more frequently and slowly discover the beauty and Truth of the Catholic Church. As my hunger for the faith grew, I began to become increasingly involved in the Church.

12 months ago, through personal discernment and the guidance of others, I discovered that God was calling me to consider the priesthood as a vocation. Since that time, the call to the seminary has become clear. It is there that I hope to find continuing clarification and follow the call of God in my life.