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I was born on Sunday, July 1984 in my hometown Wyszaków. Poland. My family was really happy – the first child was a boy and as it turned out, the first and only child. I'm the only son and I've never felt the joy of having other siblings. Fortunately for me, I have many cousins living around so I've never felt alone. I grew up in small town in really traditional area of Poland – Kurpie. The first school of my faith was my home. On the knees of my mom and grandmother, I've learned prayers and what it means to be a Christian.

I started my education in my hometown. In 1999 I started to feel that I wanted know something more about my faith than what my family could teach me, so I entered Saint Stanislaus Kostka Seminary High School in Plock. Until third class in high school I've never thought about priesthood. During the summer of 2002, I worked as a volunteer in one of the Catholic hospices in Germany. That time, which was to help me prepare for my final exam in the German language, was a time of discovering my vocation and the role of the priest in the Catholic Church. After I finished high school with honors, I entered the seminary in the Plock Diocese. There I finished my philosophy studies and started theology. In 2009, I started learning English at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Kraków.

The summer of 2010 was for me and my family a great experience – in August I left Poland and started my education at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan. In the last week of April 2010 I was accepted by Diocese of Joliet.

This summer I had the opportunity to visit my family in Poland. During the rest of the summer I stayed in Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville.