



## **Gabriel Payne**

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My name is Gabriel Payne. I am the fourth of eleven children; I have six brothers and four sisters. I was born in Bensenville, Illinois on February 5, 1986. Shortly afterwards we moved to Lombard. When I was five years old I received my first Holy Communion on New Years Eve at midnight Mass. When I was six years old, I became an Altar Boy and had the privilege of serving Mass often with my brothers; this helped to inspire me to consider the priesthood. When I was in high school I had the joy of helping teach CCD at Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard in which

I found great benefit, being able to teach the faith to the young children.

After I finished high school, I did some studies at College of DuPage before I went to the seminary. This last academic year, I completed my first year of theology at St. Meinrad. I am looking forward to continuing formation this coming year at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana.

This summer I attended the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha Nebraska.

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