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Class Year: Pre-Theology II

Pre-Seminary Education: Delone Catholic High School, Mount St. Mary's University

Current Seminary: St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

Home Parish: St. Francis Xavier, Gettysburg

What did you do prior to entering seminary?

I graduated from Mount Saint Mary's University with a degree in Business. While in Baltimore, Md., first I worked for a logistics company before later working for PayPal.

When did you first think about becoming a priest?

The thought crossed my mind when I was young, but it never became serious until I was around 21 years old.

What influenced your decision to apply for seminary entrance?

The example of Holy Priests and their willingness to take up their crosses in order to do the Will of the Father and lead souls to Salvation.

Why do you want to be a priest?

I want to help save souls. This life is only temporary, but eternity is forever.

What are your favorite pastimes?

Reading, working out, hiking, visiting national parks, and enjoying quality time with friends and family.

What is your favorite scripture quote?

Mark 8:34

What is the last book you read?

Interior Freedom by Fr. Jacques Philippe

Who is your favorite Saint and why?

John Paul II. His life is an example of holiness and was instrumental in strengthening the faith of millions of people around the world. A close second would be Saint Faustina.

What do you like most about the Diocese of Harrisburg?

It is home! This is where I have always lived. It is where my heart will always be.

What advice would you give to a young man thinking about the seminary?

Get a spiritual director and pray daily. The sacraments are vital for a good discernment. Don't make a vocation without discernment.

