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My name is Gregory Alberts and I will be beginning 1<sup>st</sup> Theology at Mundelein this coming semester and with great excitement. I was born on August 15, 1996 in Palos Park, Illinois to my parents Daniel and Patricia and was raised in Oak Lawn, Illinois where we belonged to St. Gerald Parish. In 2005, my family moved to Mokena where we currently live and are part of St. Mary's Parish.

I began my discernment at sixteen years old, originally discerning with the Congregation of Holy Cross Fathers at the University of Notre Dame. After two years of active contact and discernment with the Congregation, I decided that I wanted to wait to enter seminary and applied to Holy Cross College at Notre Dame (yes, where *Rudy* went to school), so that I could be close to the order and discern further.

After everything was taken care of with the College, I felt a strong, undeniable tug toward my home diocese. After some time in prayer and counsel from my parish priests, Fr. Dindo Billote and Fr. John Lovitsch, I made the decision to pull my enrollment from Holy Cross and apply to diocesan seminary to pursue diocesan priesthood. By this time, it was July and it was not possible for me to enter seminary in August for the Fall semester. I spent that semester at Joliet Junior College to continue progress I had made in school and filled my time participating in whatever ministry and liturgies I could around the parish. I was accepted to seminary in November and began my studies in January.

I would like to thank my family, most especially my parents for their unceasing support of my pursuit of my priestly vocation. I would also like to thank my parish priests Fr. Dindo Billote and Fr. Raed Bader and Fr. John Lovitsch for their tireless efforts to assist me in whatever ways they can; my parish brothers, Chris, Brian, and Luis; and the parish for their support of me through their prayers and positive attitudes and tireless love.

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Peace and Blessings!