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My name is John Bozue. I was born in August of 2000. I am the oldest of eight children, five boys and three girls, all of whom pray together frequently and strongly support and encourage my vocation. I have been homeschooled since preschool because my parents believe that it is the best way they can preserve and strengthen the Faith in their children. This summer I graduated from Seton Home Study School, an accredited Catholic Homeschool program. The main focal points of this curriculum are Religion, English, and World History from a Catholic viewpoint. Because of this I grew to deeply love the faith and desired to aid others in coming to know God and appreciate His works.

Furthermore, for the last ten years I have been a parishioner and altar server at The Church of St. Jude in Joliet, where the joyfulness of our pastor, Fr. Michael Lane, kept the thought of priesthood foremost in my mind. Because of this I always felt a call to the priesthood. In fact, my mother will say that at six years old instead of an astronaut, I wanted to grow up to be the pope. Combining these thoughts and desires with frequent prayer and meditation on the lives of saints such as John Vianney, Louis de Montfort, and Maximilian Kolbe helped me to quickly realize my vocation and gave me the openness to accept it with little hesitation. As a result, with the aid of Fr. Burke and his monthly discernment groups, I answered God's call and applied to St. John Vianney Catholic Seminary, where I will be starting my first year of college seminary later this month.

Please pray for me and my brother seminarians as we begin this year of formation and know that I will pray for you as well.