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Ever since I was a child, I had a certain fascination with the things of God and a desire to consecrate myself to Him. I grew up with a Catholic upbringing in Hinsdale at St Isaac Jogues Church while attending the Catholic school there. Around the age of 5, my dad took me to daily mass throughout the summer where I became familiar with the priest and the liturgy, and I felt that this may be the place

God was calling me to.

Of course, growing up in our culture, something like the priesthood didn't seem like the most popular way to spend your life, and I tried to push that thought aside for most of middle school. It wasn't until the end of high school that I began to open myself up to the thought of priesthood once again after an experience of conversion: once I understood my own sinfulness and need for the mercy of God, and just how much He loves me, I began to see the world and my life in a different light; it was then that an authentic *trust* in the Trinity began to permeate my life and put me back on the track for priesthood.

Once I entered college at the University of Illinois, I began to discern priesthood much more intensely until I ended up at St John Vianney Seminary in St Paul. Since shortly after finishing up the philosophy curriculum there, I spent the past couple of years working as a high school youth minister for several of the Catholic Churches in Elmhurst and Bensenville.

I am super blessed to be back in formation and I'm grateful to God for the opportunity to begin at Mundelein this Fall. Please remember me and all the seminarians in your prayers!"