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My name is Alex Lorang and I'm looking forward to my fourth year of seminary. I was born in 1997, third of five children in my family. I'm blessed to have grown up with two older sisters, a younger sister, and a little brother born in 2013. I was raised in Homer Glen, IL in a homeschooled family which gave me the opportunity to delve into discerning my vocation.

Even though I was homeschooled, it wasn't until 2008 that I began to accept my faith and start making it my own. I was in a car accident with my mom and three sisters while traveling in the winter. Everyone was alright except my oldest sister, Aimee, who passed away. This really challenged me and I began thinking about my life in a new way.

Jump ahead three years to the Summer of 2011, this was the Summer after I made my Confirmation, and the Holy Spirit was already working in me. I was at SS. Peter and Paul in Naperville where I met a seminarian for the first time. In the short conversation I had with him, he asked whether I had ever considered the Priesthood. At the time I didn't think the Priesthood was even an option for me, but this seminarian encouraged me to discern. I took his advice and discerned throughout high school, and I am happy to have completed my third year of College seminary this past spring at St. John Vianney.

In January, I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Kolkata, India, which was my first time out of the country - an incredible experience! I then came home to the U.S. for two weeks before flying out to Rome for the spring semester. I had such an amazing time in both countries, and the trip formed me in ways that could not have happened anywhere else. Both trips were incredible and life-changing as they drastically changed my views on the countries beyond the ocean.

Over the Summer I worked at Assumption cemetery in Wheaton in the morning, then went to rehearsals in the evening for a musical I did with my three siblings. I'm excited to start my fourth and final year at St. John Vianney college seminary in St. Paul, MN. Please pray for me as I continue my journey towards the Priesthood.