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I am the son of Edward and Carol Rutnicki and the brother of Aimee, Emily, Tim, and Joshua. I attended Bourbonnais public schools and graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School in 2011. I first began to hear the call to the priesthood when I was 14 years old. Although originally embarrassed at the idea, it was continually affirmed and called out by others who did not know I was discerning. I became involved in my parish youth group and started to find small ways I could serve in my school and community. My faith grew during high school with the help of my grandmother, Jacqueline Quick, and two priests, Fathers Michael Powell and Richard Pighini.

After high school, I attended Franciscan University in Ohio and was a member of their Priestly Discernment Program. Being a part of the Discernment Program allowed me to grow in my identity as a son of God and to form strong, supportive friendships. Some of the highlights from my time at Franciscan include a mission trip to New Mexico, a semester abroad in Austria, and studying philosophy and catechesis with magnificent professors. In 2015, I graduated from Franciscan and came home to serve as a Totus Tuus teacher for the Diocese of Joliet.

The second week of Totus Tuus brought me to Saints Peter and Paul parish in Naperville. At the encouragement of others, including the parish teens, I applied and began working as the Youth Minister and Confirmation Coordinator for Saints Peter and Paul. The responsibility of these past three years has given me more insight into parish life, respect for the clergy and laity who serve them, and admiration for parishioners who remain faithful to Christ in the face of suffering. I have also found tremendous joy while accompanying young people as they pursue a life of holiness! I am grateful to all of the families who welcomed me while working at Peter and Paul.

I remember visiting Fr Burke at the Fiat house in 2008 when I was a high school freshman. Ten years later, I am excited to begin my first year of seminary and continue formation to serve the people of the Diocese of Joliet!