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Hellooooo! Growing up I went to Mass for only three reasons, Jesus, the girls and the jelly donuts 😊 I can assure you I was never bored at Mass 😊 Time passed and I had a powerful reconciliation experience where I started to take my faith seriously. I then started going to Mass everyday asking Jesus right before receiving the Eucharist to make me a professional soccer player. If he did, I promised I would give a lot of money to the church. Wasn't I funny? I'm sure he laughed 😊

I then meet a girl in one of my classes who I really liked. It was the faith in her that really attracted me to her. Three months later I made up my mind to ask the big question. Right before I was about to ask her she tells me "Senovio I was thinking about you last night and I think that you would make an awesome priest!!!" I said, "What!!!" I went home that night and asked God the most dangerous question, "God what do you want me to be?" I kid you not, as I continued going to Mass every day I felt the desire to become a priest. It was coming right after receiving the Eucharist! I couldn't believe it. Could it be so? I thought to myself, "But I'm so young all the priest's I know are old! Why don't I become a pro-soccer player first, retire then become a priest?" Again, God laughs 😊

Four months later on Easter night of 2013 I had a dream where Fr. Herman, our parish priest, was in my dream and told me, "Follow me, I have many great things to show you." Then I grabbed his hand and followed him into a bright light and I instantly woke up. After I woke up I felt my heart was literally on fire for the priesthood and felt tremendous peace! I knew that was a direct invitation and a gift from God that I couldn't resist. So, that morning I come across a YouTube video of an ex-professional soccer player who left his pro soccer career and entered the seminary to become a priest. Tears were sliding down me cheek. It was as if God was saying "Your made to be a priest" I did not hesitate to call the vocations director, Fr. Burke, that same day and he asked me only one question, "Do you feel peace in this decision for the priesthood?" I answered, "Never ever have I felt so much peace in my life like today!"

This Fall I will enter third theology so two more years until you call me Father Senovio! 😊 I've realized that the gift of this vocation is the journey towards priesthood and it has been beautiful. From visiting the sick to celebrating Holy Week in the slums of Honduras, I've come to encounter Jesus in everyplace I go. One more thing, can you do me a favor? Please pray for me by name that I be a Holy Priest and that I don't eat too many donuts 😊 God Loves you!