



Seminarian Christian Sinclair

I was born on April 2, 1999. From a young age, I have always been active in my faith and desired to grow closer to the Lord. Being a parishioner of St. Mary Immaculate (Plainfield) my whole life, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend St. Mary Immaculate School from kindergarten through 8th grade. My time there helped me to begin to understand the importance of being involved in the Church. Though at this point in my life I was not thinking about the priesthood, I know that all the things I learned and experienced there have helped me arrive at the place I am now.

During my sophomore year of high school, a religious fraternity for high school aged men, called the Knights of the Holy Temple, was brought to my home parish. Although I had some apprehensions about joining, I decided to give it a try. I had no idea how greatly it would impact my life. Throughout my time with the Knights of the Holy Temple, I was able to grow in a deeper love for the Mass and a deeper love for Christ.

In the second half of my Junior year, I was invited to go on a visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary. Although I did not feel a call towards the priesthood at that time, I knew that going on the visit would be an enjoyable time. It was not until the end of my Junior year, on Divine Mercy Sunday, I had a profound experience in prayer and received from the Lord a calling to priesthood. As soon as I realized this desire was not my own doing, I tried my best to push it aside and started making my own plans for my future doing what I thought I wanted to do. However, when it came time to apply for colleges, I realized that I could not avoid where I was being called. I knew that the Lord was calling me to enter seminary to begin my journey towards the priesthood, and I knew that by following him I would be truly happy. After I applied to the Joliet Diocese, I went on another Vianney Visit. This time around, my perspective completely changed, and I knew that this was where the Lord was calling me to go.

Looking back at these past four years at St. John Vianney College Seminary, I am amazed at all the work that Lord has done in my life. From forming deep friendships rooted in Christ, to being able to spread the joy of the Gospel to those I encounter, I know with confidence that I have been brought to a place where I am free to follow the Lord.

I am very excited to follow the Lord into this next phase of discernment. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin my third year in Theology at Mundelein Seminary and on my way to being confirmed as a Transitional Deacon in March of 2024.