



Seminarian Joshua White

I am in my first year of studying Theology at Mundelein Seminary. I was born on July 8, 1993 and grew up in Westmont, Illinois. My home parish is Notre Dame in Clarendon Hills. I have five siblings and two stepsiblings.

Growing up, the house was rarely quiet. My parents separated when I was young, which made my mother's life very busy; having to look after six kids. She made sure that we were going to Mass every Sunday and always encouraged us to pray. That being said, I was a curious boy and wanted to understand God and the Catholic Church. As a teenager, I would ask questions about the faith but my mom was not equipped to answer my questions. I got answers like, "It's a mystery." and "God is bigger than you and me, we cannot understand Him." Although my mother was not wrong in those answers, it was when I began to doubt the Church and how they spoke of God. It wasn't until my early twenties when I first thought of priesthood as a path God was calling me into. With the help of my youth minister at my parish and the guidance of a few seminarians, I began to trust the Church and even began to ask the Lord what He wanted for me. I would not be where I am today if my parents and those people had not invested in me; for I gave them many opportunities to give up on me.

I have completed four years of seminary formation and I am grateful for all the ways the Lord has helped me grow. My teaching parish is St. Joseph's in Manhattan, Illinois. I am currently in Theology 2 (Configuration) at Mundelein Seminary. I look forward to how the Lord will move me to grow further into these new chapters of my life. Please continue to pray for me and know that I will be praying for you.