



Seminarian Peter Davis

I was born in Naperville on August 17, 1999, and grew up there with my older sisters, Therese and Tricia. I always enjoyed school, and I felt that studying hard was the way I could make the best use of the talents God gave me. I especially enjoyed math and physics, so I chose to major in mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois. Once at college, everything seemed to be going really well; I had good grades, got internships, and was enjoying my classes. Still, I could not help but feel unsatisfied every time I should have felt proud of my studies. My solution at the time was to always stay busy, since I thought working towards more prestigious jobs in the future could make me happy.

During my sophomore year of college, I attended a 3-day retreat at the University of Illinois and was astounded by the faith and maturity of some of my peers. At the retreat, I felt God's love in a profound way in the midst of my own brokenness. Following this retreat, I grew in my relationship with God thanks to a daily prayer routine and daily mass. The thought of going to seminary began to enter my mind, and I visited Saint John Vianney College Seminary at the invitation of Fr. Borello, the vocation director at the time. When I visited the seminary, I was struck by the way the seminarians lived and prayed together, and I knew it was where I wanted to be.

I spent 3 years at Saint John Vianney College Seminary and am now in my third year at Mundelein Seminary. It has been an incredible journey with the Lord, and seminary formation has been one of the best gifts I could have possibly received. I am now looking forward to my ordination to the priesthood in 2028, God willing!