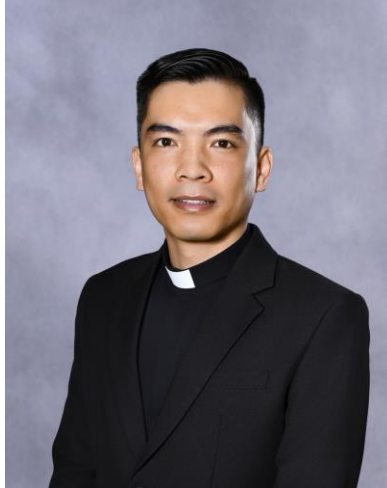




Seminarian Joseph Nguyen

I am Joseph Nguyen, and I am in my final year of formation at Mundelein Seminary. Originally from Vietnam, I grew up in a Catholic family as the youngest of three children, with an older brother and older sister.

Growing up, I developed a deep love for the Eucharist. I loved going to Mass several times a week and spending time in Eucharistic Adoration every day with my neighborhood friends. The church grounds became a familiar, joyful place for me, where I spent time with friends, played sports, and simply enjoyed being there. I remember those years with great affection because the Church was not only a place where I prayed but also where I felt at home. Toward the end of middle school, my pastor, who often saw me around the church, recognized my love for the Church and encouraged me to begin discerning a priestly vocation. Since then, I have started discerning the priesthood, and through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of priests, I discovered that the Lord is calling me. Looking back, I see those simple experiences of prayer, friendship, and life around the church as an important part of how God gradually planted and nurtured the call to the priesthood in my heart.

After college, I entered Seminary in Vietnam and completed eight years of formation. I moved to the United States about two and a half years ago to continue my preparation for the priesthood.

I am currently assigned to St. Isaac Jogues Parish, where I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the parish community, especially through pastoral ministry and relationships with parishioners.

Outside of my studies and ministry, I enjoy music and working out. Above all, I am grateful for the many people God has placed along my journey and seek to respond faithfully to the Lord's call to serve His Church.