



Seminarian Daniel Obendorf

My name is Daniel Obendorf, and I was born on July 8th, 1999. I am currently in Theology 2 (Configuration) at Mundelein Seminary. God willing, I will be ordained a deacon in December 2027 and a priest in June 2028. I am the son of Cheri and Steve Obendorf and am the youngest of four. My home parish is Ss. Peter and Paul in Naperville

Growing up, faith was important in my family, and we always went to mass every Sunday no matter what activities or sports were going on. As a freshman in high school, I attended a Steubenville Youth Conference where I had a profound experience of God's unconditional love and mercy in Eucharistic Adoration. That encounter drew me deeper into my faith and parish through youth ministry, serving at Mass, and teaching Religious Education. During that time, I began to pray about becoming a priest and visited the college seminary in St. Paul, MN. I loved the seminary environment and admired the seminarians there so much that I decided to join right out of high school in 2018.

After four amazing years of great spiritual growth and study in college seminary, I discerned that I should step away from seminary. Not long after, my pastor called and asked if I would serve as the youth minister at Ss. Peter and Paul. I accepted, and for the next two years I led mission trips, took students on retreats, accompanied teens through challenging situations, and witnessed them encounter Jesus in profound ways. Those experiences confirmed for me that God was indeed calling me to the priesthood, and I returned to finish.

Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my journey toward priesthood and know of my prayers for you and your intentions. May Christ give you His peace