



Seminarian Peter Davis

I am from Naperville, IL. I was born on August 17, 1999, and I am the youngest of three siblings with my amazing sisters Therese and Tricia. I am blessed to have such a supportive family and am so grateful for the example of love my parents have given me.

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. Since I was passionate about environmental issues, I thought I could have a career in renewable energy. 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 the Holy Spirit in a profound way. Almost immediately after this retreat, the COVID-19 pandemic caused me to return home for the following year. During this time, my study breaks were spent in prayer, and within months, I felt prayer had become my top priority. I was attending Mass every day at my home parish, which attracted the attention of Fr. Borello, the vocation director, who happened to be stationed there that year.

I had been thinking about visiting a seminary, and honestly felt overjoyed when Fr. Borello invited me to chat over breakfast one morning after mass. This led to a seminary visit within months, and a seminary application soon after. The gift of faith is truly the best gift I have received or could ever receive. There is so much joy in seeking God in every moment of the day, and I am so excited to share this journey with my brothers in seminary. I look forward to starting my final year at St. John Vianney College in the Fall of 2023.