



Seminarian Colin McGarel

I was born on October 13, 1995. When I was growing up I was very interested in film, books and animation, but always felt a special closeness to God. My parents always encouraged me and my sister and brother to participate in their Catholic faith, so I decided to join the choir at St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville, Illinois. This was a great start on my path of seeking a relationship with God. My family are all now parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville.

Religion always has been very important to me. Without the Church as guidance and discerning my faith more deeply over the years, I would have never found Jesus and all His goodness. Jesus has shown me the path to love Him, as well as loving thy neighbor.

I was excited to take the next step in my journey to seek the priesthood by joining the Diocese of Joliet this past August as a seminarian. I began my Spiritual Year at the University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein. I am looking forward to learning and serving Him and his people all the days of his life. Please pray for me in my discernment.