



Seminarian Vincent Omondi

I was born November 4, 1987, and grew up in Kenya, Africa. I am the sixth born in a Catholic family of nine. My parents played a great role in my faith formation as a Catholic. The importance of commitment to God through an active participation in the Church was instilled in my siblings and I. Sunday school and youth services were essential, and I learned strong Catholic values that helped me grow and succeed at a very young age. I joined various youth groups within the church, served as an altar server, and joined parish youth groups.

I graduated from Consolata Institute of Philosophy with degree in Philosophy in Kenya and later, from Saint Joseph's Theological Institute with degree in Theology in South Africa. After my graduation, I discerned out of religious life to discern diocesan priesthood. During my discernment, I met Father Clive, a priest of the Diocese of Joliet who is also from Kenya. I shared with him my story and desire of becoming a priest. He encouraged me to consider applying to the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois. After a rigorous application process, I was accepted. I am grateful to God that I am here today as a seminarian of the Diocese of Joliet.

I continue to thank God for His many Graces upon me. Since arriving this past December of 2022, I've been blessed to experience great ministries at Our Lady of Mercy. I've had opportunities to bring Holy Communion to the sick, serve the poor at the Hesed House, and to join in daily Eucharistic celebrations with wonderful parishioners. I always feel that each daily Mass is an invitation to come closer to the Lord, and to review my commitment and dedication to God.

I am presently in my third year of Configuration at Mundelein Seminary. I am so happy to continue with my discernment of priesthood in the Diocese of Joliet. Please continue to pray for me.