



Seminarian Samuel Potter

I was born on October 30, 1995 in the beautiful state of Oregon where I lived for the first three years of my life. My family and I moved to Notre Dame when my father was accepted to the University of Notre Dame to pursue a law degree, but I believe the Lord had bigger plans for us.

At Notre Dame, both my father and mother encountered strong, vibrant Catholics for the first time in their lives. They became convinced that our Lord Jesus Christ established the Catholic Church as the one true church. Realizing that they were about to go on a trip and desiring the salvation of their two little children, they baptized me and my little sister in their kitchen sink. The most important day of my life was the day I became a member of the Body of Christ.

In November of 2001, my family entered the Catholic Church. My parents raised me and our growing family up in the Faith, teaching us how to pray and how to lovingly engage our culture. I was blessed to receive spiritual formation from my teachers and mentors, always hoping to get married someday.

While I was at Hillsdale College, I conceived a great love for literature, theology, and philosophy (especially Plato). Though I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I graduated. I began teaching English at a classical charter school, and loved it more and more, but I kept desiring a deeper way of living out my Catholic faith.

One night I had a clear sense that I should become a priest. I finally reached out to a vocation director to ask to enter seminary. I am so happy that I did. I'm still discerning whether the Lord is calling me to become a priest, but I am certain that he has called me to seminary to grow closer to Him and to devote my life to the work of his Kingdom.

I am currently attending my first year in Pre-Theology 1 at St. Paul Seminary/University of St. Thomas. Please continue to pray for me.