



## **Deacon Luis Fregoso Ron**

I was born on November 24, 1988, in a traditional and well-established family. I am the oldest of 3 brothers, César (28) and Roberto (23). I was 18 years old when both my parents died within 3 months of each other.

My brothers and I have always gotten along very well, our life situation made us more united and supportive of each other, each one of us has come out in the best way. We truly have a very strong bond of mutual support and love towards each other that has helped us move forward and be successful.

I experienced my call to the priesthood as a little boy and everything became even more clear to me when I was 15 years old. The presence and accompaniment of Father Jesús Delgado, who was my vocational promoter, was a very significant role model for me. He, with his testimony of help and total dedication to his community, inspired me enough to wish to be a priest like him. Then, I went into formation at the Seminary of the Diocese of Tepic where I studied Humanities (2 years), Pre-Philosophy (1 year), Philosophy (3 years), and 1 year of Theology. Also, between Philosophy and Theology I had 1 year of missionary work which I spent working with poor indigenous communities on the top of the mountains. After all this work and studies, my rector in that Seminary wanted me to go to the Diocese of Lleida (Spain) to finish my Theology and to serve there as a Priest because they were in need of vocations. At the same time of this proposal from my Diocese, I met Father Burke Masters in Mexico City who, after a conversation, invited me to meet the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois, and so I came to the United States.

I came to the Diocese of Joliet because I really wanted to know what the Will of God was, and this Diocese really attracted me when I saw the pastoral zeal of their priests and their deep love for God. I joined the Diocese of Joliet on February 23, 2019, and since that day I have been so blessed with so many graces and friends who have become my new family. I can finally visualize myself sharing my abilities and skills to help the Church from the place that God wants for me, always in that holy obedience to listen to God's will.

I was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on April 29, 2023. I look forward to my last year this Fall at Mundelein Seminary and, God-willing, being ordained to the Priesthood in May of 2024.