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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional? I always enjoy a good book, and I like to write and listen to music. Playing acoustic or bass guitar is also a way I like to spend leisure time.

What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocation? "Be A Man" by Father Larry Richards; "Introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales; "Priest for the Third Millennium" by Cardinal Timothy Dolan; "Thy Will Be Done" by St. Francis de Sales.

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? Saint Paul, my Confirmation saint. Saint Thomas More for his courage and tenacity. Saint Francis de Sales, whom I turn to for advice and wisdom as a saintly friend. Saint John XXIII, I am inspired whenever I read his journal and see how much he strove to be a holy and dedicated man.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey? Reverend Jason Kahle; Reverend Jeff Walker; Reverend Adam Hertzfeld; Reverend George Wenzinger; Bishop Thomas; my parents and grandparents; my friends from St. Thomas More University Parish.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? My hope is for a greater understanding among our people of the great gift we have in the Blessed Sacrament...and that this understanding would foster devotion to prayer before our Lord present in the Eucharistic Sacrament.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life? You have to make time to be quiet. So often God wants to speak to us in His still, small voice, but we are distracted by so many things - even things that are not necessarily negative. And one of the best places to be quiet before the Lord is in an Adoration Chapel.