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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional? Having been a professional artist, the fine arts, history, and ritual remain a focus, while I also enjoy any kind of hiking, camping, kayaking, etc.

What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocations? Anything by early Church Fathers, especially Saint Augustine; Pope Benedict XVI; Particularly timely is “The Power of Silence” by Robert Cardinal Sarah.

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? Among many, St. Augustine, who is an excellent example of the conversion that each Christian is called to enter into.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey? There are so many who have contributed in this regard, and many who continue to even now.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? For greater unity in faith and in the Sacraments that the Church may continue to be a voice of hope and source of love in a broken world.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life? Embrace silence in your life and pay close attention to people you encounter – both will reveal much about yourself and about God at work in your life.