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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College?

Professional? I enjoy drawing with pencil and charcoal. My favorite sport is soccer. My favorite teams are Columbus Crew and Chelsea FC. I also enjoy singing and music.

What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocation? My favorite author is Jason Evert and his book "John Paul the Great" is a fantastic book. Also "Surrender" by Fr. Larry Richards and "To Save a Thousand Souls."

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? Pope St. John Paul II. His life message inspires me to try to reach out to others and love them with Christ's love, and his love for young people. St. John Vianney because despite all odds he became a priest and that is inspiring.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment at this point in your journey? There have been many people who have had an impact to vocational discernment. But there are a few who have made a large impact. My mom has been there to guide me through the process. Also, the Bishop's lifestyle and reverence have inspired me to look into the priesthood. Fr. Matt Rader and Fr. Eric Schild have also inspired me.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? That all will find the Church as a place of healing and revival. That it will be a hospital open to all and where people will be accepted and loved as a child of God. And I hope that I can portray that in my actions.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life? My advice is to be open, because God will give us an answer if we ask, so we have to not be afraid to truly ask.