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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional? I enjoy art especially charcoal and graphite. One of my favorite hobbies is spending time relaxing with my family. Although I enjoy any good sports game, soccer and football are my favorite. My favorite teams are the Toledo Rockets and Columbus Crew FC.

What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocations? Father Larry Richards, "Surrender" and "Be a Man" are great books for discerning. Anything by Fulton Sheen I highly recommend especially "Life of Christ".

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? St. John Paul, II for he is a great example of how to be a saint in our present culture. I love St. Ignatius Loyola for his spirituality. St. Thomas Aquinas, my Confirmation patron and patron of students. Mother Teresa of Calcutta for her absolute trust in God and her love for all. St. John Vianney, patron of priests.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey? There have been many people who have had an impact to my vocational discernment. But those who have made the greatest impact are my parents who are my first formatters and teachers. Father Eric Schild and Monsignor Singler who helped me discern my vocation.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? That people will grow to recognize the dignity of the human person in matters of life, marriage, sexuality and gender.

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 you an answer. Also to get to know Christ personally by spending time with Him especially through the sacraments.