

# Peter Grodi

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**What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional?** I enjoy playing guitar, piano and sometimes accordion. I like participating in sports and other outdoor activities. I also enjoy board games and sometimes video games. Reading is a strong staple in my extracurricular diet. My favorite sports team to watch is the Buckeye football team. I only watch professional sports casually and usually with others who have favorite teams.

**What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocation?** "Priests for the Third Millennium" by Cardinal Dolan; "Discerning the Will of God" by Father Gallagher; "The Way, Furrow, the Forge" by St. Jose Maria Escriva; "The Charism of Priestly Celibacy: Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Reflections" by Ed. John C. Cavadini

**Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints?** Saint Isaac Jogues: he was incredibly brave in his devotion to spreading the Gospel. Even in the midst of great trial and suffering, he maintained his love for God. Saint Francis of Assisi: he found great joy in the creation of God and in living Gospel poverty. Saint Peter: he gives me hope. With all his faults, he became a saint.

**Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey?** Monsignor Charles Singler; Reverend Adam Hertzfeld, Reverend Jason Kahle, Reverend Bradley LePage, Reverend Pius Pietrzyk, My father, Marcus, and my brother, JonMarc.

**What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church?** That each and every Catholic be fostered in true practice of faith and devotion to Christ so that, through

our unity, ministry and manifestation of love, truth, goodness and beauty, Christ will bring all people to Himself.

**What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life?** Trust in the Lord and His desire to make your life a mission of fruitful fulfillment. Ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to guide you in the ways of loving obedience to the will of God. Seek the interior peace and joy of Christ in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.