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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional? Playing the piano, horseback riding, reading. Ohio State Buckeyes, New York Yankees, Cincinnati Bengals.

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 Timothy Dolan; "Abandonment to Divine Providence" by Jean-Pierre de Caussade.

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? Saint Andrew, Saint James, Saint Nicholas - my patron saints. Saint John Paul II - taught us to stand in the truth with love.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey? Parents, family, friends, teachers. Fr. Gregory Hite, Fr. Chris Kardzis, Fr. Tom McQuillen, Fr. Greg Peatee, Msgr. Charles Singler, Fr. Adam Hertzfeld.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? I hope the Church continues to be a light to all nations by bringing God's love to the ends of the earth.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life? In the words of Pope St. John Paul II: "Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ."