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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional? Boat watching on Lake Erie, Tennis, watching movies/TV shows, and hanging out with friends. Notre Dame Football.

What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocations? “Be A Man” by Father Larry Richards; “Prayer for Beginners”; “Love and Responsibility”; “Courage to Be Chaste”; “The Lamb’s Supper” by Scott Hahn.

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? St. Peter (my Confirmation Saint) because to me he is the most relatable of the Apostles.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey? Father John Blaser, Father Jeff McBeth, Father Ron Schock, Father Monte Hoyles, Father Michael Geiger, Father Ed Smith and Bishop Daniel Thomas.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? To continue on the mission of truth, added reverence in the Mass and for the Eucharist.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life? What are you waiting for? What are you afraid of? Do not be afraid. You know where your heart is leading you. Pick up your cross and follow Christ. Do not be afraid.