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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sports teams? College? Professional?

My favorite hobbies include spending time relaxing with my family, drawing, and painting, and playing sports. I enjoy any good sports game, soccer, baseball, and football are my favorite. My favorite baseball teams are the Toledo Mud Hens and Detroit Tigers. I love the Toledo Rockets and just started following the Detroit Lions.

What spiritual writings would you recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocation?

Father Larry Richards, "Surrender" and "Be a Man" are great books for discerning. Anything by Fulton Sheen I highly recommend especially "Life of Christ". St. Therese of Lisieux is one of my favorite saints so any book about her is good but especially "I Believe in Love" by Fr Jean C J D'Elbee.

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 and St. Therese of Lisieux for their 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) who 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 are both great priest that have helped me in my discernment.

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, and sexuality. And that the Church will continue to be a place of consolation and truth in this troubling world.

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. And spend time in silent prayer by just "being" in the presence of God. Start with 3 minutes a day and then as you continue to grow in your prayer increase the time spent with God.