

Peter Grodi

Home Parish: Saint Thomas More University Parish in Bowling Green

Age: 27

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

I love all different types of sports. I especially love playing ultimate Frisbee. I also love playing music on guitar and piano. I like movies, video games, crafting hobbies, and board games. The only sports team I follow closely is Ohio State football, but I also occasionally watch the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Indians, and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

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

“Jesus of Nazareth” by Pope Benedict XVI; “Priests for the Third Millennium” by Cardinal Dolan; “The Way, The Furrow, The Forge” by Jose Maria Escriva.

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints?

Isaac Jogues, he is my Confirmation saint. He was tortured and martyred while ministering to the Native Americans. He inspires me to be courageous and suffer for Christ. St. Peter, he reminds me that you can still be a servant of God while being full of weaknesses. St. Maximilian Kolbe, he loved his neighbor, a complete stranger, more than his own life. Lastly, Saint Joseph, who constantly reminds me to be humble and to trust in God especially when tasked with leadership.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) who have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey?

Monsignor Charles Singler, Father Bradley Lepage, Father Adam Hertzfeld, Father Jason Kahle, Father Peter Marshal, Father Jonathan Fraserro, my father Marcus Grodi, my brother JonMarc Grodi, my household fraternity group at Franciscan University, the Disciples of the Word.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church?

My hope is that the Church will be renewed by an influx of the Holy Spirit and that all Catholics will embrace the fullness of a relationship with Jesus Christ and the call of discipleship and will seek out their part in the plan of God for the salvation of all. I pray that, even in the midst of great sinfulness on the part of man, the Catholic Church will always keep its eyes focused on bringing Christ to the world.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life?

Trust in God with all your heart. Do not follow where fear pushes you. Rather, follow the deepest sense of peace that follows from God. Seek out a learned spiritual advisor. Be patient and know that God will continuously work with you to help you follow His path.