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What are your hobbies? What are your favorite sporting teams? College? Professional? Horseback riding, playing and listening to music and reading. The Ohio State Buckeyes, New York Yankees and Cincinnati Bengals.

What are the popular spiritual writings that you would recommend to other men and women discerning their life vocations? "Gift and Mystery" by Pope St. John Paul, II; "Priests for the Third Millennium" by Cardinal Dolan.

Who are your favorite saints? Why are they your favorite saints? Pope St. John Paul, II, taught us to stand on the truth with love. St. Andrew, St. James and St. Nicholas my patron saints.

Who are the people (priests, religious and laity) that have influenced your vocational discernment to this point in your journey? Parents, family, friends, teachers (especially Sisters of Notre Dame), Father Gregory Hite, Father Chris Kardzis, Father Thomas McQuillen, Father Gregory Peatee, Monsignor Charles Singler and Father Adam Hertzfeld.

What are your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church? I hope that the Church continues to bring God's light to the world by joyfully and lovingly proclaiming the Gospel.

What advice would you offer young people about discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life? Remember that Jesus speaks these words in the silence of your heart: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."