

**Kevin Lorsung**

**Original Home Parish: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Isanti, MN**

**Home Parish in the Fargo diocese: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Fargo, ND**

I was born in Brainerd, Minnesota. I grew up partially in Charles City, Iowa and Isanti, Minnesota. I was raised Catholic. I graduated from Cambridge-Isanti High School, and received a scholarship from North Dakota State University where I decided to study Civil Engineering. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, fishing, hunting, sports, watching TV and being with his friends. I decided to go into seminary because I felt God was calling me to discern if I am meant for the priesthood and not married life. I decided to be a Fargo Seminarian because of family and the area.

**Do your family and friends think it is a good idea that you're becoming a priest?**

My family has been highly supportive of me throughout my time in formation. They love the idea of having a priest in the family. My friends are also very supportive and some close friends helped me in my discernment and without them I wouldn't be here.

**Do you ever have any fun? What do you do in your free time?**

Being in the seminary itself is fun because of all the fun activities we get to do together along with the camaraderie found at the seminary. In my free time, I am probably reading the assignments for my classes, but I also like to read other books and play sports and watch TV.

**If you were not a priest, what do you think you would be?**

If I were not being called to be a priest, I would either work at a parish in some capacity or work for a Catholic company or entity such as NET or FOCUS.

**How many brothers and sisters do you have?**

I have two brothers and one sister.

**What is your favorite TV program?**

My favorite TV program currently is Criminal Minds. I enjoy how the team collaborates to take down the bad guys and the story telling that is incorporated in each episode.

**Who is your favorite singer or music group?**

At this point I don't really have one, but Simon and Garfunkel or Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers or Bruce Springsteen would be up there at this point. I'm currently listening to mainly 80s music a lot.

**Do you ever get bored while studying to be a priest?**

Life here at the seminary is always interesting so it never gets boring and the classes are all very exciting because you are learning about the intricacies of the faith and the Church.

**How is a seminary different than a regular school? How often do you see your family?**

Seminary is different first off because we pray at the beginning and end of class and also having mandated times of prayer is different from the totally free feeling of regular college, but I do not mind having a schedule. I see my family maybe a couple times a semester (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter) because we stay busy at SPS.

**What do you enjoy most while studying to be a priest?**

I definitely enjoy all my classes, and currently I'm really excited about learning more about the Church Fathers and their impact upon the early Church.

**Who helped you decide to become a priest?**

I have had a few priest role models who have sparked my decision to be a priest. One being Father Cheney at the NDSU Newman Center. Other priests from my former seminary and my time at IPF have also helped me in my discernment.

**What do you think the best thing will be about being a priest?**

The best thing about being a priest will be distributing the Sacraments to the people, hands down. Also being there as a role model and somebody for people to come to if they need help 24/7 is exciting.

**What is your favorite quote or saying?**

Following Christ is an adventure that will lead you to places you never thought you could or would go.

**What is one other thing you would like to tell people about yourself?**

Please pray for me and all our other seminarians. May God bless you! Long live Christ the King!