

## **Br. Francis Reineke, FMI**

Cathedral of Saint Mary, Fargo

Brother Francis Reineke, FMI, was born and raised in Fargo. He grew up in a strongly Catholic family of twelve children. After graduating from homeschool through Our Lady of the Rosary School in 2015, he began a discernment with the Franciscans of Mary Immaculate in Warsaw, ND. Since then he has completed his novitiate and made his First Profession of Vows on August 15, 2017. In his spare time, Brother Francis enjoys reading, biking, drawing and hiking. He always felt called to the priesthood and was sent by his community to begin the necessary studies. Brother Francis is at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward.

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

My family and friends are very proud and supportive of my pursuing a religious and priestly vocation.

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

Fun is never hard to come by. In my free time I especially enjoy reading and hiking.

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

If I were not a priest or a religious, I would have considered joining the US Armed Forces.

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

I have six brothers and five sisters.

### **What is your favorite TV program?**

I have watched very little TV in the last two years, but it was Doctor Who back when it was good.

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

My favorite music group is the Moody Blues.

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

I don't think it is humanly possible to never get bored while studying, no matter what the reason or the topic may be.

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

I was homeschooled and so do not really know what a "regular" school is like. There are too many differences between this and homeschooling to easily explain. I see my family two weeks a year, which is usually split between Christmas and summer.

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

What I enjoy most while studying to be a priest is growing closer to the Trinity in the Liturgy and Eucharistic Adoration.

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

I was helped by many. The most important were my Superior, Fr. Joseph Christensen, FMI, who was a parochial vicar at my home parish before founding the Community, Fr. Peter Hughes of happy memory, Fr. Wilhelm, and Fr. Fischer (priests of my youth). My family has always been extremely supportive and encouraging.

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

Offering the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and forgiving sins.

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

*Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum* (be it done to me according to thy word); Luke 1:38

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

I am a man weak and short lived - any good that comes from me is due to the infinite love and mercy of our God.