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I was born in Fargo, North Dakota, and raised Catholic by my two wonderful parents Paul and Pauline Savageau. I have two younger brothers and an older sister. After graduating from Shanley High School in 2010 and attending Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, I decided to enter the seminary to further discern God's will in my life. Right now I am at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, NE.

Do your family and friends think it is a good idea that you're becoming a priest? *My family is really happy for me. They all knew that one day I would want to enter the seminary and become a priest. I think it is exciting for them to see me finally going off and making my way to the priesthood. My friends, both in Fargo and at Benedictine, are so excited for me. They all are giving me such great support, especially in keeping me in their prayers.*

Do you ever have any fun? What do you do in your free time? *Oh lots of fun. I play sports, read, watch TV, play video games and go on adventures with my friends like flying an airplane to Detroit Lakes.*

If you were not a priest, what do you think you would be? *Well, either join a religious order or get married and hopefully teach theology and philosophy at a Catholic high school.*

How many brothers and sisters do you have? *Two brothers, both younger by the way, and an older sister.*

What is your favorite TV program? *Well, I am a cartoon guy. I guess I still haven't grown up. With that said, Avatar the Last Airbender is my favorite show, but I also like psych.*

Who is your favorite singer or music group? *Mumford and Sons.*

Do you ever get bored while studying to be a priest? *Only when I study Latin.*

How is a seminary different than a regular school? *Being at Benedictine College, I got a lot of what I have here at St. Gregory the Great. At Benedictine, I not only had great classes in both theology and philosophy, but I also received the great opportunity to go to Mass daily, pray the liturgy of the hours and go to adoration. But what I would say is different is the focus on formation, spiritual direction and obedience. In seminary, you are required to have a formation director and spiritual director that you must go to at least once a month. You just did not have this at Benedictine. Also, at Benedictine you were not under obedience to wake up almost every day at 6:00 a.m. to go say Morning pray and go to Mass. To tell you the truth, that is the part I love the most about seminary.*

What do you enjoy most while studying to be a priest? *The time set aside for prayer and reflection. It is something missing in the daily lives of many and it is just so nice that there is a great emphasis for prayer here at the seminary.*

Who helped you decide to become a priest? *So many people, it is hard to say. Good priests, fellow seminarians and of course my friends and family.*

What do you think the best thing will be about being a priest? *In a few words, the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. Dispensing God's grace to his people through the sacraments, acting in the personhood of Christ and giving my life to Him in such away is incredible.*

What is your favorite quote or saying? *I think right now it is a quote from Blessed John Paul II, "We are an Easter people and our song is halleluiah."*

What is one other thing you would like to tell people about yourself? *Please keep praying for me. I could always use more prayers.*