

Eric Seitz

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My name is Eric Seitz. I live in Fargo, North Dakota and I am a member of Sts. Anne and Joachim. I graduated from Shanley High in 2011. I was born in Rapid City, South Dakota on September 23, 1992. My Dad was in the Air Force, so we moved around a lot, from South Dakota to South Carolina, to Norway, to Great Falls, Montana, until we settled in Fargo in the summer of 2008. I first started thinking about the priesthood in the seventh grade, but I didn't become too serious about it until the end of my junior year in high school. During my senior year, I applied to the diocese, was accepted. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Lord in such a radical way.

Do your family and friends think it is a good idea that you're becoming a priest? *I have received nothing but support from my family and friends.*

Do you ever have any fun? What do you do in your free time? *I have to be careful not to have too much fun. I do like playing basketball and football, despite not being great at either. What I really enjoy is music, both listening to it and performing it. Here at Sacred Heart, I am in the choir and I also cantor at mass. I have a vinyl record player from the 1950s with an eclectic collection of records that I use to drive my study-mates crazy.*

If you were not a priest, what do you think you would be? *I would like to be a teacher, or maybe a police officer. Unless I could be Batman. Always be Batman.*

How many brothers and sisters do you have? *I have three older brothers and one younger sister.*

What is your favorite TV program? *I enjoy Doctor Who, along with Star Trek: The Next Generation and The Twilight Zone.*

Who is your favorite singer or music group? *Where do I start? I like Dream Theater, Yes, Gentle Giant, Todd Rundgren, The Flower Kings, Steely Dan, Porcupine Tree, Stevie Wonder, and a host of other popular and less than popular musicians. When I study or am in a liturgy, I prefer Gregorian chant.*

Do you ever get bored while studying to be a priest? *Occasionally, but whenever I do, I either have more work that needs to be done or somebody I can go hang out with.*

How is a seminary different than a regular school? How often do you see your family? *I'd say that the seminary is almost like any other fraternity, except it replaces drinking and women with prayer and study. I don't get to see my family too often, but I do call every week.*

What do you enjoy most while studying to be a priest? *What I enjoy the most is living in a genuinely Catholic culture. I think having a strong Catholic identity and culture is something that is sorely lacking in the Church today, but I do get to experience it here at the seminary.*

What do you think the best thing will be about being a priest? *Celebrating the Sacraments and helping people.*

What is your favorite quote or saying? *"Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair." –G.K. Chesterton*

What is one other thing you would like to tell people about yourself? *If you ask me how I am doing, be prepared for the possibility that I might tell you.*