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Silvano was born in Seoul, South Korea and grew up in that city. He was baptized when he was four and received confirmation at 22. After graduating from Inha University in South Korea, he finished military service at Special Force in South Korea. Then he entered the Society of Jesus and experienced various cultural and social training as part of the priestly formation including foreign missions. He began diocesan formation in New Jersey, USA, in 2013. After visiting North Dakota, he discerned God's will for him to serve in North Dakota and joined Fargo diocese. He is at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD.

Do your family and friends think it is a good idea that you're becoming a priest? Yes, they are great supporters for my priestly journey.

Do you ever have any fun? What do you do in your free time? I hang around with prayerful seminarian friends.

If you were not a priest, what do you think you would be? I could have been a businessman like Donald Trump. My grandfather was a successful businessman and my dad was too relatively.

How many brothers and sisters do you have? I have an older sister.

What is your favorite TV program? I do not watch TV at all.

Who is your favorite singer or music group? Sorry, I don't have any.

Do you ever get bored while studying to be a priest? No, I have never gotten bored.

How is a seminary different than a regular school? How often do you see your family? I love the things that I learn here in the seminary as they are all about God and His love, which is very different from regular schools. I see my family once a year in Seoul.

What do you enjoy most while studying to be a priest? Learning theology that presents academically the great salvation plan of God for our humans through Jesus Christ, Mass and Eucharistic adoration.

Who helped you decide to become a priest? The Holy Spirit through various priests in sacraments such as the Eucharist and confession.

What do you think the best thing will be about being a priest? To bring salvation to people by preaching the Good News and save souls through Sacraments.

What is your favorite quote or saying? The Stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is marvelous in our eyes (Psalm 118:22-23; Matthew 21:42).

What is one other things you would like to tell people about yourself? I am almost 6 feet and 1 inch tall.