



Seminaryman Sean Czaplewski

My name is Sean Czaplewski, I was born January 15th, 2007. I am currently in philosophy 1 at Saint John Vianney College Seminary. I was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and moved to Illinois when I was 2. I attended Saint Joan of Arc Parish in Lisle and went to their school from kindergarten through eighth grade. SJA helped form me to be curious about my faith and through their altar server program I was able to participate in the mass more deeply.

I then attended Naperville North Highschool where I was challenged by a secular environment. I was no longer surrounded by Catholics and my faith was put to the test. I was constantly challenged for my beliefs, especially around the time of the overturning of Roe V. Wade. I became more versed in the intellectual side of the faith but never had a strong prayer life.

However, during my Junior year of highschool, I was invited to attend Saints Peter and Paul's youth group, and their youth minister, a well educated seminarian, helped me grow further, but also introduced me to more forms of prayer. In January of 2024, after getting back from the March for Life with this youth group. I was invited to visit Saint John Vianney.

While on the visit, the rector, Fr. Kelly gave me a challenge in prayer. Instead of trying to look for signs from God, ask him for a conviction in your heart. As I prayed about this in adoration, the Lord overwhelmed me with joy and peace and in that moment I knew God was calling me to the priesthood.

I continued to grow in prayer over the next year and a half and entered seminary in 2025. I look forward to seeing how the good Jesus continues to work in my life and in the lives of those around me over the coming years.