



Seminarian David Sanchez

Born into a Catholic family on the 18th of March in 1998. Although they were not very practicing, it was extremely important for my parents to make sure all their kids would grow up receiving all the proper Sacraments.

My brother Christian and I completed the Sacrament of Confirmation at the same time, and he is what started my journey back into the Catholic faith. Christian was always very faithful and would tirelessly keep inviting me to Mass with him. It took me a while, but finally saying yes, I began attending Mass weekly around 2021. That's when I started noticing exactly how hard God was working in my life.

Being part of the St. Mary's of West Chicago Parish, I was lucky enough to witness all of these great Priests, who were a huge part of my discernment, but who were a great example of the Priesthood, and definitely painted a great image of what the Priesthood should be like. The Priests we've had there, along with the Religious Sisters, "Las Hijas de la Madre de Dios", and all the Parishioners, helped me grow as a man, and in my faith.

I did a little bit of college after high school, but then decided that a working, "blue-collar" life was best for me. Building and repairing Illinois' infrastructure, I worked hard to become a foreman, leading crews and doing all types of work. From simple water mains, to building brand new train stations, or from the safest painting job, to working inches away from power lines with 34,000 volts; shallow trenches I could dig by hand, or 25 foot deep holes. God was with me the whole time. Being able to work, and have a great, and respectable career before entering Seminary, I believe helped develop some traits that would help me succeed in this new path that I am taking. God allowed me to serve the Diocese of Joliet, and the State of Illinois by providing necessary infrastructure to live in this modern world; and I believe He is now calling me to serve this Diocese through the Priesthood.

I am David Sanchez, and I want to be a Saint.