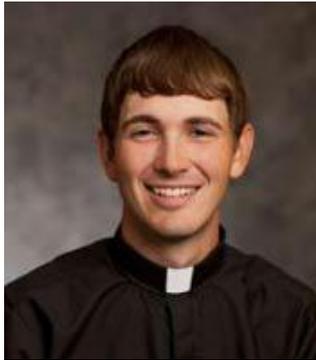


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Getting to Know a Seminarian!!!

Seminarian: **Deacon Patrick Moser**

Parish/Town: **St. Teresa of Avila, Clearwater**

Seminary: **Kenrick-Glennon, St. Louis, Missouri**

Favorite homemade food/meal: **a hamburger and sliced potatoes and onions on the grill**

Least favorite thing your parents made/make you do: **butchering chickens**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Garfield**

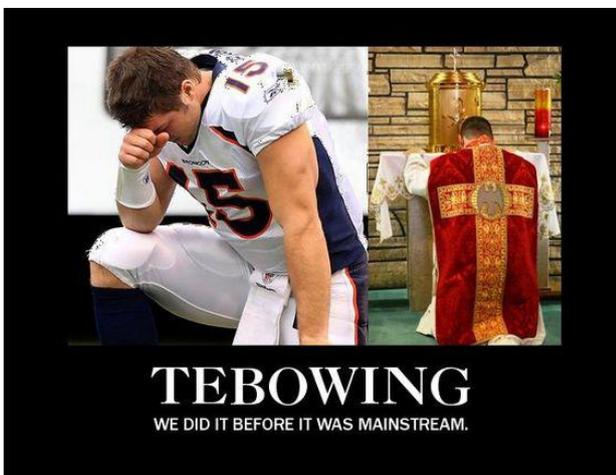
Favorite Marvel hero: **Groot (from Guardians of the Galaxy)**

The worst thing you have ever tasted: **pickled herring**

Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **Working on the farm, joining a bible study in college, and my diaconate ordination this past May.**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing: **Singing along with the radio in the car**

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary: **Each year at Halloween, we have a party where each class puts on a short video or skit for the other classes, usually playing on some of the funny things that have happened at the seminary that year.**



The world offers you comfort. You were not made for comfort.

You were made for greatness.

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



St. Ignatius Loyola writes that every man (and woman) should try to enter discernment with a *holy indifference*. He (she) should not go to prayer, desperately trying to convince God that he (she) really should get married! Many people try to discern in this way. This is why St. Augustine once said that, *"the pious soul prays not to inform God but to be conformed to his will."*

To Save a Thousand Souls -Fr. Brett A. Brannen



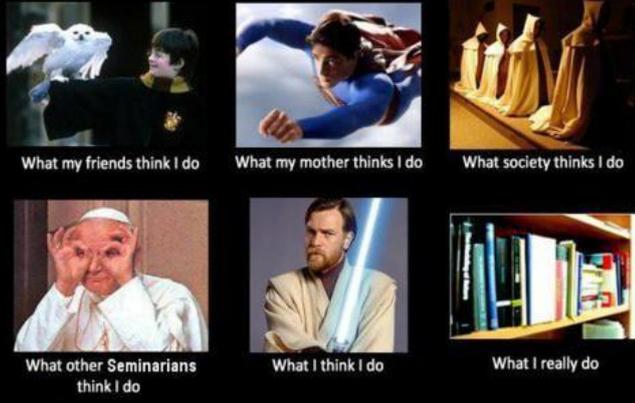
Formation

Before ordination a man must complete at least four years of master's-level formation. This formation period is called Major Seminary or Theology. Prior to this, he must have a college degree and two years of Philosophy, which is completed either in college seminary or, if a man already has a degree, in a special two-year program called Pre-Theology.

This process may seem like it takes a long time, but it is important that your son be well-informed. Parents sometimes say: "In that amount of time, he could be a medical doctor with a specialization, making a large salary! Is all of that education necessary to become a priest?" Yes, it is. And your son *will* be a doctor- a doctor of souls. He will be a specialist in healing people of sin and bringing them to Jesus Christ.

A Priest in the Family -Fr. Brett A. Brannen

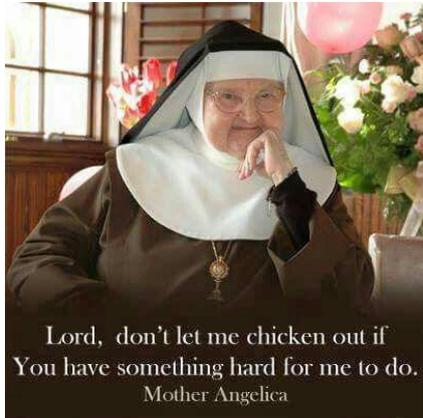
Seminarian



Spiritual Formation

Most seminarians pray between three and four hours a day, which includes Mass, a personal holy hour, the liturgy of the hours, the rosary, and other devotions. It also includes regular retreats and seeing a spiritual director two to four times per month. You may be thinking, "My son will never be able to do that. He can't sit still for fifteen minutes." It is true that grace builds on nature, but grace is very powerful. When I worked in a seminary, I would see fifty new seminarians begin every year and ninety-nine percent fall into the regimen of prayer eagerly, easily, and energetically.

A Priest in the Family -Fr. Brett A. Brannen

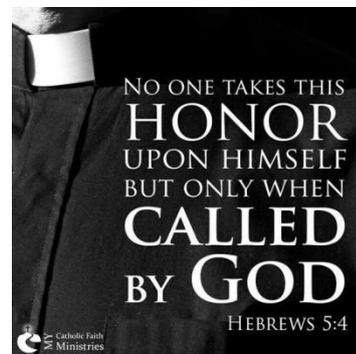


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Please pray for religious vocations!!



A mother (widow) raises 10 children, all become priests or nuns except one, who became a Bishop! This is a picture of all the siblings with Pope Saint John XXIII!



For any men considering the priesthood, particularly if you are afraid of where God might be leading you, my advice to you is to talk with your parents or your parish priest about your call. I was afraid of what my family, friends, and other people might think of me, and that I wasn't "good enough" to be a priest, but after discussing these topics with the people close to me, I learned that these fears were fairly common. I also realized that God will always give you the ability to do whatever He asks of you, so do not be afraid.

As St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" May God bless you as you follow your call.

-Deacon Patrick Moser

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