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Getting to know a Seminarian!!

Seminarian: **Zach Eischeid**

Parish/Town: **St. Boniface Church, Elgin**

Seminary: **St. John Vianney College Seminary, St. Paul, MN**

Favorite homemade food or meal: **Tater Tot Casserole or Tombstone Pizza**

The least favorite thing your parents make or made you do: **Picking up sticks after a storm**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Avatar: The Last Airbender**

Your favorite Marvel hero: **Captain America**

The worst thing you have ever tasted: **Umeboshi. It's an Asian pickled plum.**

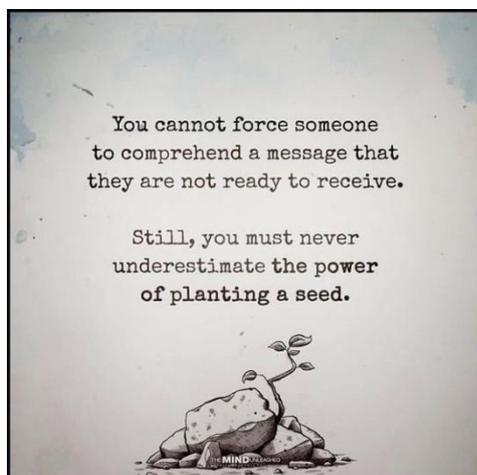Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **1) Doing One-Act performances 2) Going to retreats 3) Countless hours playing basketball**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing: **Singing in the shower**

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary: **Winning the annual 7-on-7 flag football game against the major seminary on campus**

You cannot force someone to comprehend a message that they are not ready to receive.

Still, you must never underestimate the power of planting a seed.

THE MIND UNLEASHED

Psst!! Who are you bringing to heaven with you?

A Modern Day Saint

Servant of God* Fr. Emil Joseph Kapaun was a Roman Catholic priest and United States Army captain who served as a United States Army chaplain during World War II and the Korean War.

Born: **April 20, 1916, Pilsen, Kansas,**
Died: **May 23, 1951, Pyoktong County, North Korea**
Buried: **Mass grave**
Parents: **Enos and Elizabeth Kapaun**
Awards: **Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Bronze Medal**
Education: **Catholic University of America; Kenrick–Glennon Seminary, St. Louis MO; Conception Seminary, Conception MO**

Fr. Kapaun celebrating Mass during the Korean War using the hood of a Jeep as his altar, Oct 7, 1950.
Photo: U.S. Army

Parents, did it ever occur to you that one of the reasons God has called your son to be a priest is so that your own faith will be strengthened??
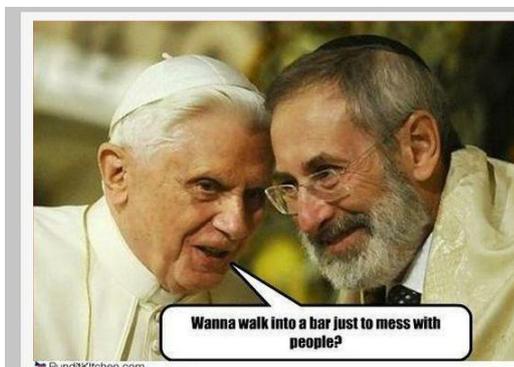

*At least five years after a person's death (unless a special exception is made by the pope), a formal request is made to consider him or her for sainthood. The people making the request are usually from the candidate's church or religious community. They submit their request to the bishop of the diocese where the person died. The request tells how the person lived a life of holiness and lists reasons for considering the candidate for sainthood. If the bishop believes there is enough evidence to consider the person for sainthood, he asks the Vatican for permission to open a special tribunal. Witnesses are then called to attest to the candidate's goodness, holiness, devotion to God, and other virtues. If the person passes this step, he or she is named a "*Servant of God.*"

Priesthood is a sacrament that endures forever. It does not end at death. It makes a permanent mark on the soul that can never be erased, repeated, conferred temporarily or ended. A priest still has the mark of a priest on his soul when he is in heaven!

When you get to heaven, you will see some men there with this mark on their souls and you will immediately know that they were priests on earth.
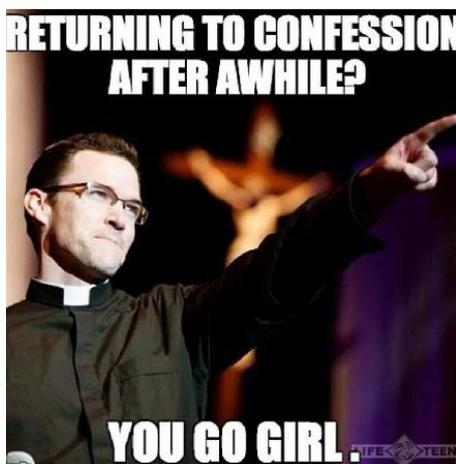
-*CCC 1582* (paraphrased)

Wanna walk into a bar just to mess with people?

It's easier to discern your vocation if in the state if grace!

The sacrament of Holy Orders, the sacrament by which a man becomes a priest, is an extraordinary vocation. I call it "extraordinary" not because it is better than marriage but because it is less common.

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

Young Jesus at Bath Time

For all those with even an inkling about entering seminary, I encourage you to be open to it. Pray about it, frequent the sacraments, and remember: "You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." And remember, every priest and seminarian has gone through what you are going through.

-Zach Eischeid

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It's not your job to turn your son into a future priest. It's your job to teach your son to answer God's call, whatever it might be.