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## Getting to know a Seminarian!!

Seminarian: **Kyle Loecker**

Parish/ Town: **St. Patrick, O' Neill**

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

Favorite homemade food/meal: **Fresh baked bread**

Least favorite thing your parents made/make you do:

**Water the flowers**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Tom & Jerry**

Favorite Marvel hero: **Thor**

The worst thing you have ever tasted: **Fermented Cod-liver oil**

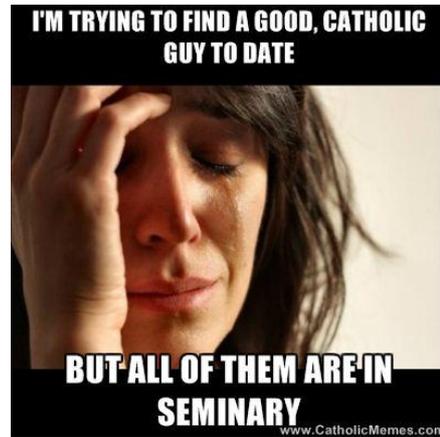
Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **1. Transferring from the O' Neill public school to St. Mary's in 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2. Winning the D1 State Basketball championship in 2012 3. Serving with the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, India my senior year of college.**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing: **Making animal noises, especially a Canadian goose**

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary: **In December 2015, I drove 3200 miles round trip with eleven other brother seminarians to the NCAA D111 Football Championship. Road Trip!!!**



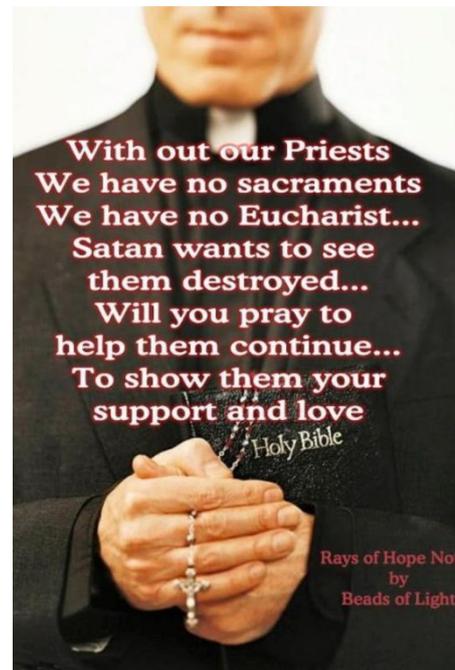
Hey! Did you have that talk with your kids yet?? It's been a month! Don't keep putting it off!!



"I believe one of the problems in the church today is that many people are in the wrong vocation. Many people have grown up unaware that they have a vocation, much less that they should be asking God to reveal it to them. And there are many unhappy, unfulfilled, dissatisfied people. As a general rule, *people flourish in their correct vocation*. Flourishing does not just mean they are happy. *It means they are steadily growing in holiness*, they are fulfilled, and they are becoming the person God wants them to be.

-Fr. Brett A. Brannen

-To Save A Thousand Souls



The holiness of Jesus is always present in his sacraments and in the work done by a priest, even if the priest might have some personal struggles with sin. **And all priest struggle with sin**, just like all people struggle with sin.

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# How to Become a Priest, Brother or Sister

Here are the basic steps to becoming a priest or professed member of a religious order. These steps to a religious vocation may vary in different orders or congregations.

## To become a diocesan priest:

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<p><b>Discernment</b></p> <p>Interested men meet with a vocations or spiritual director to learn more about the priesthood and priestly formation. You then become a candidate for a specific diocese.</p>	<p><b>Seminarian</b></p> <p>After completing a requisite number of courses in philosophy, one begins four years of graduate studies in theology. During their years of formation seminarians also deepen their prayer life, work on becoming a well-rounded person, and minister in parishes.</p>	<p><b>Deacon</b></p> <p>During your last year of theology and upon the recommendation of your bishop, you are ordained as a transitional deacon and begin ministry such as preaching, catechetical instruction, counseling, and service to the community.</p>	<p><b>Priest</b></p> <p>Having successfully completed all of your studies and deepened your spiritual, intellectual, human and pastoral understanding, you promise to be a priest forever and you are ordained by your bishop.</p>
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## To become a sister or brother:

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<p><b>Affiliate/Postulant</b></p> <p>Most candidates start in or after college. You spend a few months to a couple years getting to know the community you want to join.</p>	<p><b>Novice</b></p> <p>For one to two years, you continue your studies, deepen your knowledge of the religious order, and prepare for the work that you will do.</p>	<p><b>Temporarily Professed</b></p> <p>In each of the next three or more years, you will take temporary vows, deepening your commitment to God and the religious order.</p>	<p><b>Sister/Brother</b></p> <p>Having successfully completed your formation, you take final vows, a promise that you will remain a sister, brother, or religious priest forever.</p>
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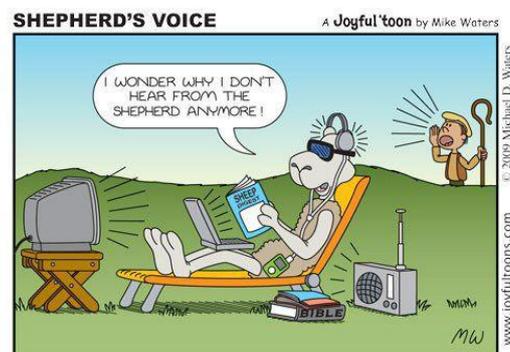
CATHOLIC EXTENSION

As people of God, we are called to live **IN** the world but not be **OF** the world. I like thinking, If I am not a 'Jesus freak,' then I am someone else's freak. He has called men from all walks of life, and if God calls you, look into it and **PRAY** about it. Trust the movements of your heart and visit with someone—preferably a priest or even a seminarian. I would be glad to visit with you as well.

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*Pray always that your children have a holy death!*



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
 - JOHN 10:27

