

BONA-FIDE CAT'S



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Getting to know a Seminarian!!

Seminarian; **Deacon Taylor Leffler**

Parish/Town: **St. Mary/West Point**

Seminary: **Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**

Favorite homemade food or meal: **Pasta Norcina**

The least favorite thing your parents make or made you do: **Dusting**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Rugrats**

Your favorite Marvel hero: **I don't know the difference between Marvel and DC**

The worst thing you have ever tasted: **Rotten cake**

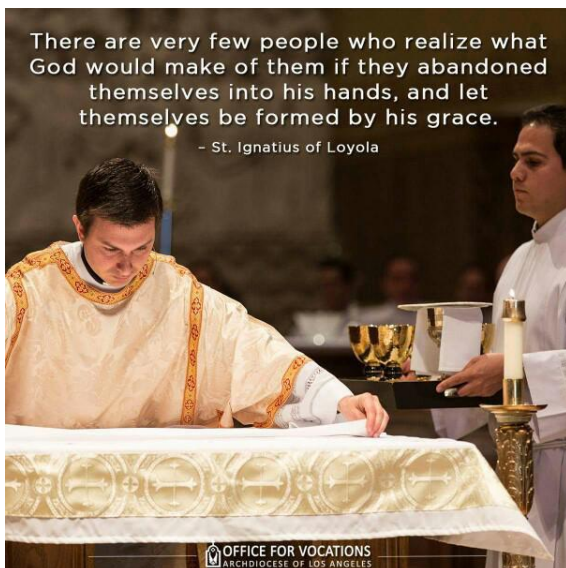
Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **Taking piano lessons, visiting the seminary, and living in Europe**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing:

Singing as loud as I can and pretending no one else is around

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary:

I can't stop laughing when I hear one of my brothers snoring like a freight train in the chapel



The Power of Prayer

We cannot underestimate the power of prayer. In Lu, Italy, a group of Catholic mothers were lamenting the lack of priests and religious in their small Italian village. "The deepest desire of many of these mothers was for one of their sons to become a priest or for a daughter to place her life completely in God's service. Under the direction of their parish priest, Msgr. Alessandro Canora, they gathered every Tuesday for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord for vocations; they also prayed for vocations after mass."

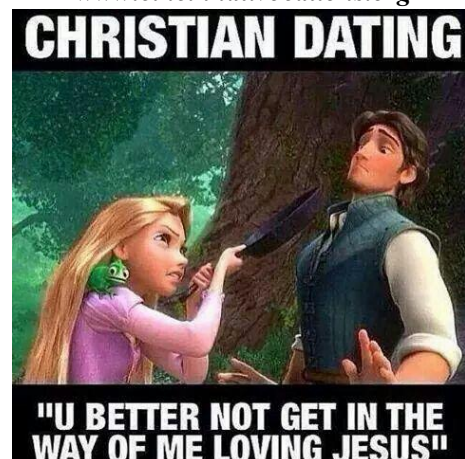
In about 60 years, over one-third of Lu's population became priests or nuns. There were 323 religious who came from the town's less than 1000 inhabitants between 1881 and the 1940's. Through the powerful prayer of these mothers, an atmosphere of delight and Christian devotion developed in the families that helped the children to recognize their vocation more readily."

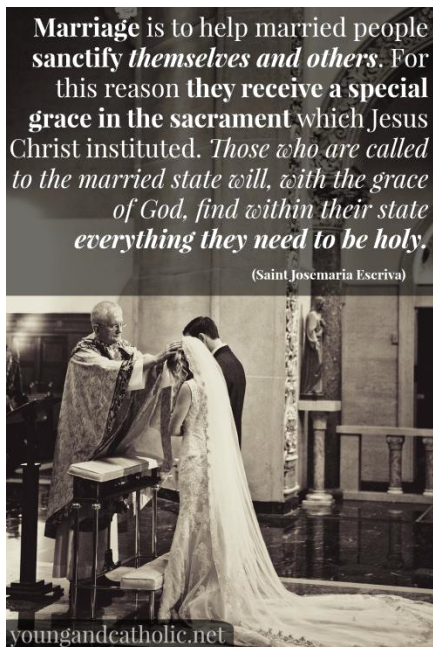
-Rhonda Gruenewald-HUNDREDFOLD



It's no accident that priests, and religious emerge from believing, practicing, loving Catholic families. The love between a husband and wife is the foundation stone upon which every other Christian vocation is built.

-www.cincinnati vocations.org





Priests Honor Their Mothers and Fathers

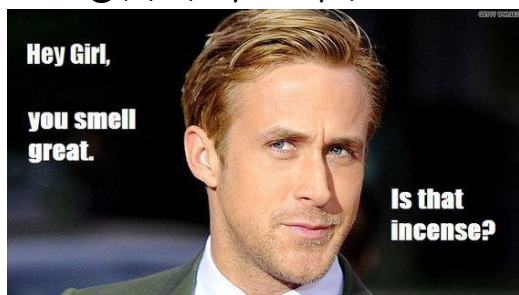
There is an old custom of presenting the *manutergium*, (a white cloth used to soak up the chrism oil after the bishop anoints a new priest's hands) to the priest's mother, who keeps it throughout her lifetime and then is buried holding it in her hands. According to tradition, when she comes before Our Lord, he says to her: "I have given you life. What have you given to me?" She hands him the *manutergium* and responds, "I have given you my son as a priest." At this, Jesus grants her entry into paradise. This is a symbolic custom.

It was lost for a time, but is making a comeback among young priests.

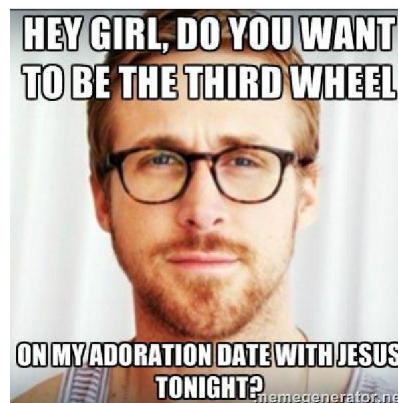
Similarly, a tradition has developed more recently in regard to the newly ordained priest's father. A priest may have a small, purple confessional stole monogrammed with his name and date of ordination. After hearing his first confession wearing the stole, he gives it to his father, often at the same mass.

-A Priest in the Family (Paraphrased)

Catholic pickup lines...



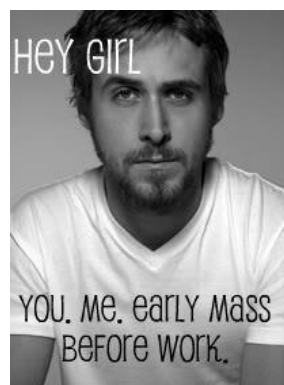
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Marry the person that prays for you and that's willing to pray with you for the rest of your life!!

For most of my life I wanted to be an airline pilot. During my senior year of high school, I considered the priesthood for the first time. A friend insisted that God didn't give me all these gifts so that they could be locked up in an airplane for the rest of my life; *He wanted me to share them with His people.*

-Rev. Mr. Taylor Leffler
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Imagine a man so focused on God that the only reason he looked up to see you is because he heard God say "that's her."

Psst! Parents, nurture a holy marriage and spiritual vocations in your home!!