

BONA-FIDE CAT'S



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Getting to know a Seminarian!!!

Seminarian: **Mauricio Tovar**

Parish/Town: **Divine Mercy, Schuyler**

Seminary: **Assumption Seminary**

Favorite homemade food or meal: **My favorite homemade food is lamb with red pepper and cactus that my mom prepares.**

The least favorite thing your parents make or made you do: **to clean my room and do dishes.**

Favorite cartoon when growing up: **Top Cat**

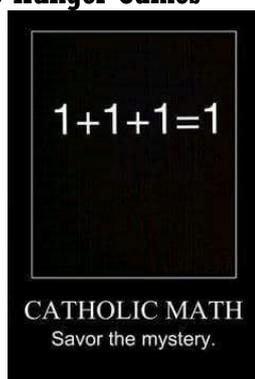
Your favorite Marvel hero: **Superman**

The worst thing you have ever tasted: **raw oysters**

Three events that made the biggest impact on who you are today: **Moving from Mexico to the United States, working as Hispanic secretary in my home parish and joining the Seminary**

What childish thing do you still enjoy doing: **Riding my bicycle and watching cartoon movies.**

Fun/Funny event or memory at the seminary: **Making teams with other seminarians and playing the Hunger Games**

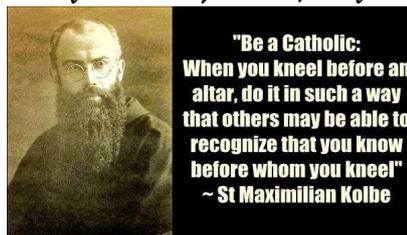


If you are serious about hearing the voice of God, especially regarding your vocation, you need to minimize other voices and maximize the voice of God, who speaks in a *small, still voice*. The Blessed Virgin Mary was not listening to her iPod when the Archangel Gabriel came to her with a message from God! As a woman of silence, she clearly heard the voice of God!

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Catholic Problem #42

Dipped fingers in too much holy water. Have a holy waterfall running down your face.



God can call any man he chooses to become a priest, anytime he chooses, and under any circumstances he chooses. And God does not always call the best to be his priests. Sometimes God calls fewer men, or even less talented men, so that when they accomplish great things, people know that the glory goes to God.

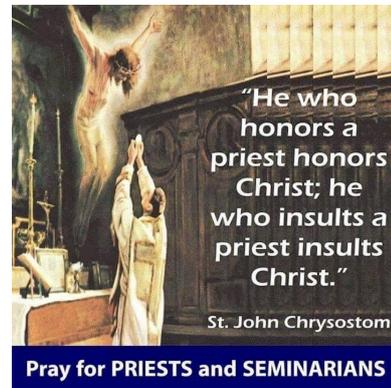
God does not always call the best to be priests, but he does expect the best of those he calls!



The discernment of your vocation is the most important decision you will ever make. It is an art and it must be learned by effort and practise. It is not sufficient just to read about vocations. To discern well, a man must be humble, courageous, and prayerful. He must really desire to know the will of God and he must be willing to work to discover it.

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The Church does not need bad priests. It doesn't need self centered priests, arrogant priests, or "I just couldn't find another career" priests.

The Church needs great priests! Priests who are on fire with love of the Lord, who are passionate about bringing salvation to the people, and who desire to make Jesus Christ present in the lives of everyone they meet.

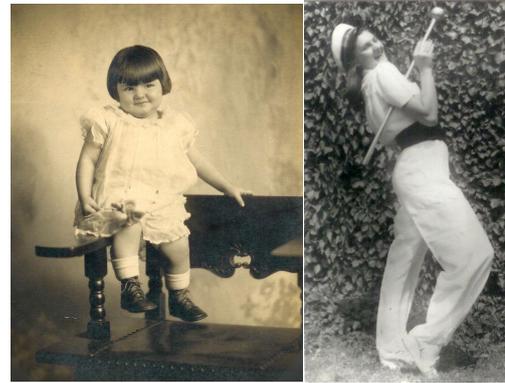
Not everyone is called to be a priest, and God doesn't just choose the 'best of the best' to be priests. But with this in mind, here are some 'signs' that the priesthood may NOT be for you.

- **You can't wait to show everyone how wrong they are.** Being ordained is a huge accomplishment that represents years of hard work and spiritual growth. But make no mistake: it is *not* your way of proving to others that you are holy enough.
- **You can't wait to tell everyone how wrong they are.** Being a priest does come with authority, but it is meant to be used as Christ used it: with love.
- **You are in love with the prestige of the priesthood.** If it's all about your public image, being the most important person in the parish, or having people nod at you in public, then your heart is probably not in the right place.
- **You view the priesthood as an answer to your life's problems.** If the priesthood is simply your own solution—for a needed job, an emotional sense of direction, or a steady income—then you have misunderstood the idea of a vocation.
- **You think being a priest is an easy way out.** If this is your answer to having everyone like you, or to coast through life without major challenges, then the priesthood isn't for you. It's very challenging (and very rewarding).
- **You aren't doing it out of love for Jesus Christ.** If your relationship with our Lord is not your motivation, then you shouldn't be a priest, plain and simple.

Dear men of God, if our Lord Jesus is calling you to discern the priesthood, you just have to say "Yes" and open the door of your heart for His greater glory. Seek the help and guidance of your pastor and always know that you can talk to the vocation director of our archdiocese.

Rev. Mr. Mauricio Tovar

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The child Rita Antoinette Rizzo grows up to become *Mother Mary Angelica* of the Annunciation PCPA. Founder of EWTN.

PSSST!! YOLO! You only live once...live it HOLY!!

