



Help Wanted: Hero

Applicant must love Jesus, Mary, the Church, teens, children, and everyone else. Skills needed: someone who can pray, serve others, be a team player, have fun, laugh often. Job Qualifications: **college student**, willingness to travel around the Chicagoland area, open to the Holy Spirit, and a desire to experience a life changing summer and grow in holiness.

What are you doing this summer?

TOTUS TUUS is a summer program dedicated to catechizing youth throughout the Chicagoland area. After a two-week training session, college students and seminarians are placed within a four-member team (two men and two women) and sent to parishes to share their faith, hope, and love for Christ and His Church through weeklong parish missions. Housing is provided by host families at each parish. Team members teach, pray, and eat as a team community. The summer program begins late May and ends August 2, 2010. Weekly stipend is \$250.00. Teachers with a car and willing to drive, receive an additional bonus and gas reimbursement. For more information regarding this "Summer of Discipleship" and "Experience of a Lifetime" contact: Patrick Pacer at 312-534-2587 or at ppacer@archchicago.org. Check out www.TotusTuusChicago.com!



INSEARCH

To learn more about the discernment program that brings post college age men together for prayer, conversation and a priest speaker series, contact Father Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298. *INSEARCH* meets every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral.

ARE YOU A COLLEGE STUDENT IN THE CHICAGO AREA WHO IS INTERESTED IN PRIESTHOOD?

Cardinal George is hosting Evening Prayer and dinner for college students at his residence on Tuesday, March 9th. Please contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or jnoonan@archchicago.org as seating is limited.

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Introducing Our Seminarians

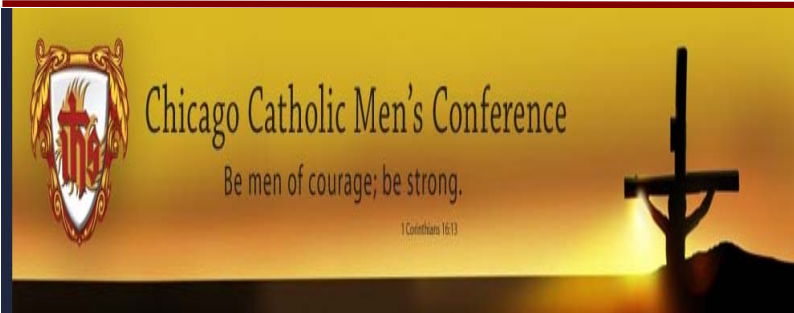
*Nathan Payne is a Seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago — Class of 2010
Photo was taken during Mundelein Seminary Holy Land Pilgrimage in 2009*

My name is Nate Payne and I am 27 years old. I am one of eleven children, seven boys and four girls. I was born and raised in the Chicagoland area, receiving my First Communion in River Forest and my Confirmation in Round Lake. While I cannot say that in my younger years I always thought I would be a priest, I also cannot say the opposite. Some told me I would make a fine priest, however facts were facts, and I never had the heart to tell them that I was regularly being grounded for not doing my religion homework.

In my junior year of high school I was facing the question of where to go to college. The remains of St. Therese happened to be visiting the United States and were in our Archdiocese. It was at an event in her honor that I met the rector of the Archdiocesan College Seminary. He asked me if I ever thought of Seminary. I am not sure I ever answered his question, however, I do recall agreeing to receive information. Thus, it was added to my list of “potential possibilities,” although I did not rank it very high. I was accepted at the seminary and I began to think I might give it a chance, however the day before I was to enter, I decided not to. Rather I decided to put everything on hold and simply go to a public college. At the same time, I was working at the family business, a “Manufacturers Rep” of various construction supplies so I decided to continue there as well. This I did for two years.

The College Seminary kept in contact with me since the time I was accepted. I finally approached Father Presta in 2003 acknowledging that I was ready “to stop putting it off.” I graduated from St. Joseph College Seminary at Loyola University in 2006 with a BA in Philosophy and from there I came to Mundelein Seminary. I was ordained a deacon this past October. It has been quite a journey (once I stopped standing in the way,) a journey of a lifetime from which I have no regrets.

Some call it coincidence, I believe it to be providence; my home parish is St. John Vianney, the patron of priests, and I am a member of the ordination class for the “Year of the Priest.” Pope Benedict XVI has held up the Curé as a model for priests, for “he taught his parishioners primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray.” It is my hope and prayer that in the future, they can say as much of me, if only I don’t stand in the way!



Chicago Catholic Men's Conference March 6, 2010

At the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. A conference of men, by men, for men, about what it means to be a Catholic man today. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago, Office of Evangelization. See www.goingforth.org for more info and to register.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
graciously listen to our prayers
for priests and religious.
Give us generous hearts
to respond to your call in our lives.
Lift up courageous men and women
willing to follow after your heart
as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons
Help us to share our faith
and to encourage young people
to explore religious vocations.
Guide all people, Lord,
in your ways of compassion, truth,
and peace, that we may find happiness
in fulfilling our vocations. Amen.



Chicago seminarian James Wallace, who is studying at the North American College in Rome, greets the Pope!