



EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD WEEKEND APRIL 16–18



EPW is a retreat for men discerning the priesthood held at Mundelein Seminary. Come and see the Seminary, meet seminarians and priests, hear talks on discernment, the seminary, and the priesthood. There will be Mass, adoration, and free time for prayer and reflection.

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Save these Dates! It may not feel like it...but Summer will be here soon!

Camp Totus Tuus — Our annual Camp Totus Tuus will be held on **Monday, August 2nd, 2010** at Maryville Academy in Desplaines, IL. This is a one-day camp experience for youth entering grades 6-through 12. The day will include games, food, discussions, prayer and Mass. Participants will meet new friends, college students, priests, seminarians, religious sisters, and most important — Jesus in the sacraments! Contact Pat Pacer at 312-534-2587 or go to www.TotusTuusChicago.com and look for more detail in the coming months.

Leadership Camp—New from the Vocation Office will be a **High School Leadership Camp** for young men offered **Sunday August 8 through Wednesday, August 11, 2010**. The Leadership Camp will be held at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford, and will include fun, food, discussion, Adoration, prayer, daily Mass and quiet time for reflection. High School Leadership Camp is sponsored by the Vocation Offices of Chicago, Joliet, and Rockford. Contact Pat Pacer at 312-534-2587 or ppacer@archchicago.org



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

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

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Introducing Our Seminarians

Kyle Lee is in Pre-Theology at Mundelein Seminary

I was raised in Columbus, OH and attended Bishop Watterson High School. In 2004, I began studies at the University of Chicago and became involved in Calvert House, the Catholic Center on campus, as well as student government and the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's disaster response team. Over a two-year period, I was sent to over 200 people-displacing residential fires and a month-long deployment to Hurricane Katrina.

During college, I worked at the City of Chicago's 911 Center as an intern in the Office of Emergency Management. I then began to explore an interest in medicine and started working as a cardiac arrest researcher in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Later, I expanded my research involvement to the study of sepsis, a severe system-wide immune response to bacterial infection. Graduating from the University of Chicago in 2008 with a concentration in biological

sciences, immunology, and psychology, I was confident of a future career as a physician. After college I worked as a research coordinator in the Medical ICU at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

I had often thought about a vocation to priesthood, but dismissed it in favor of married life. However, my discernment to the priesthood began to build after graduating from college. I sometimes think God may have 'turned up the volume' on my call because I wasn't listening. The climax of this volume change occurred in January, 2009 while I was alone at Mass at St. Mary of the Angels parish in Chicago. I was sitting in this enormous, beautiful church by myself listening to the homily. It was a cold night and the heaters were struggling to keep the church warm. All of a sudden, I experienced the most overpowering feeling of my life. I was filled - body and soul - with the desire to become a priest. In that moment, I could not see myself doing anything else with my life. All my other goals—marriage, getting into medical school, becoming a doctor—paled in comparison to the thought of serving the people of God in the priesthood.

This feeling repeated itself several times in the following months, enough to begin formal discernment with Fr. Joe Noonan. After talking with several priests and spending many hours in prayer, I applied to Mundelein Seminary and I was accepted to begin the pre-theology program the August, 2009. It is humbling to be in the seminary, studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago. My discernment is ongoing and I pray for guidance from the Lord in my vocation every day. It is critical to approach every situation and begin every day with an open, listening heart. To do otherwise would limit my response to God's continual outpouring of grace.



Chicago Catholic Men's Conference

Be men of courage; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13



CHICAGO CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE—SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2010

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

Registration begins at 7am and ends with Mass celebrated by Francis Cardinal George at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL

See www.goingforth.org to see the list of featured speakers and to register.

www.ChicagoPriest.com