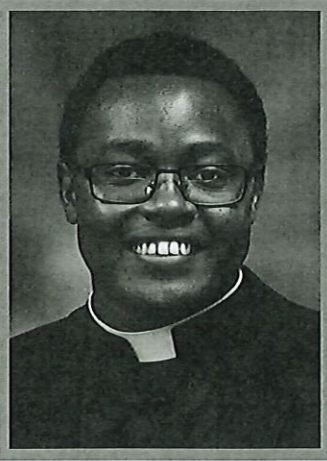




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What is the best type of ice cream?

Though I do not have strong opinions about ice cream, you can never go wrong with custard because it has a richer texture than other types of ice cream.

What do you consider to be your greatest personal victory?

When I started the Kairos Year in 2021, we played ping pong regularly. I was a beginner while Rob Reynebeau was quite experienced. I lost many games and never thought I would win a single game against him. Needless to say, it was a great accomplishment when I won against him.

What was the first thing that you learned about Jesus?

When I was a young child, I remember overhearing my mom praying the Rosary. As she said, "Holy Mary, Mother of God..." I remember wondering how it was that God had a mother. I do not remember if I asked my mom to explain it to me, but later, I made the connection that Jesus is God made man and thus has a mother.

How have you celebrated this Jubilee Year?

At the beginning of this year, I was privileged to participate in the Opening Ceremony of the Jubilee Year in our diocese. Additionally, I was able to read and reflect on the Bull of Indiction that our late Pope Francis wrote when he proclaimed the Jubilee Year. Finally, at the end of the summer, my Green Bay seminarian brothers and I did a walking pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion during which I had the intention of receiving the indulgences of the Jubilee Year since the Shrine is one of the designated places of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year in our diocese.

What is your favorite verse from St. Paul's writings?

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). I love this verse because in one short sentence, it summarizes very well what the Christian life is about: Christ's love and our response. It

emphasizes how Jesus loves and died for each one of us personally, not just for all anonymously. We can and ought to say with St. Paul that Christ "loved me and gave Himself for me." Additionally, this verse makes it clear what our response to Christ ought to be. It is personal, just like Christ's love is personal and it involves us giving our entire selves to Christ, just like He gave Himself up for us on the Cross and gives Himself to us in the Eucharist.

Which virtue exemplified by St. Paul do you most aspire to?

All the saints were animated by great charity which took a different shape in the life of each saint. For St. Paul, the greatness of his charity was manifested in his zeal to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and to bring others to Christ so that they can be saved. Because of this loving zeal, St. Paul endured many hardships as he recounts in 2 Corinthians 11. Through all these hardships, he was totally given over to Christ and for the salvation of others. You get the sense of his complete gift of self when he says to the Corinthians, "I will most gladly spend myself and be spent for your souls" (2 Cor 12:15) and to the Philippians, "Even if I am poured out as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all" (Phil 2:17). Like St. Paul, I hope and strive to be given over entirely to Christ and His Gospel for the salvation of others. I strive to let the desire to live and proclaim the Gospel so fill me that I can be like St. Paul who said, "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:16). I am drawn to the single-mindedness of being dedicated to the Gospel that St. Paul exemplified.

Which saint should people invoke for your vocation?

St. John Vianney. Please ask his intercession to help me grow in my zeal to dedicate my life to the salvation of souls.