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1. Who was the most influential person to you as a child? **My grandpa Bob since he has a strong faith and spent time in adoration at 3 am. If he could do that, I felt inspired to do more with my faith.**
2. Did you have any pets as a child? What kind? **Growing up we had two dogs: Cissy was a mutt with springer lab in her and I was 3 years old. Cissy could clear a 6-foot fence. Then we got Angel when I was 10 years old and she was a mutt too. We adopted both dogs from the pound.**
3. What did you do during the summertime as a child? **We would visit our grandparents. This meant a 9-10 hour ride in the car, to spend two weeks in Billings MT, helping grandma at the Mintana Mills, and going up to Red Lodge, and spending time in Yellowstone National Park.**
4. What would people you know find surprising about you as a teen? **I loved to sit on our tire swing in the back yard and just listen to the beauty of nature that God had created.**
5. In what ways have your parents influenced you the most? **My mom always encouraged my sister and me to consider religious life every time we talked about our future life. By the time God called me, my mom knew before I did and it felt wonderful knowing that she supported me and helped me to find my order.**
6. What is your most memorable travel experience? **In the winter of 1996, temps -35 degrees, my Dad took my sister and I to Florida. While we were visiting we learned that that a shuttle was taking off from Kennedy Space Center. So we got up at 2 am and watched the shuttle take off at 4 am, we were outside in a field and we saw the sky light up as the shuttle headed in to space.**
7. If you could possess one super-human power, what would it be? **Flying.**
8. What is something that you'd love to be great at? **Singing.**
9. What is one lesson you've learned in life? **When you make plans always remember to check in with God for He has something in mind for you that is way better than your imagination.**
10. What is something you've learned about the faith since entering formation? **That we can be a pen in God's hands, helping to show the world the light of Christ.**