

**Patrick Parks**  
Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD, Theology III  
Epiphany Catholic Church, Coon Rapids, MN



1. **What would be your best vacation ever?** A pilgrimage to the Holy Land, or Fatima, or Lourdes with family and friends.
2. **What's your favorite recreational activity?** Right now I like to go hiking up the mountain behind the seminary.
3. **What is the last book you read for enjoyment?** "The Miracle of Father Kapaun." Very good book - I recommend it to all as it was most inspiring.
4. **Who's your favorite super hero?** Jesus Christ, the original and true superhero.
5. **Who is your favorite saint and why?** I have many favorite saints that I hope to be with for all eternity. The first saint that grabbed my attention was St. John Vianny, the patron saint of parish priests. What a remarkable life and model for those who are called to the priesthood.
6. **How do any of your family members support you?** A wink and a nod, and a few greenbacks now and then.
7. **Are your grandparents still alive? Do you know how many cousins you have?** My grandparents have all passed away. I have 12 cousins
8. **Before entering the seminary did you experience any doubts?** As a later vocation, I can say that I had no doubts about my calling.
9. **Did you attend any discernment weekends or camps before applying to become a seminarian? If so, which one(s).** I did not attend any, but I certainly recommend them for those who are open to hearing the call of God. When you give of your time to God, He will always speak to your heart what he wants you to know. It may not be a clear answer, or a complete answer, or the answer you may want to hear, but He will speak to you that you may come back each day to hear more.
10. **What job / work have you enjoyed the most? Is there a job / work that you liked the least?**  
I have enjoyed both working with my hands and working with people. Of all the jobs I have had in my life, I think I enjoyed working on my Uncle's farm the most. I have also worked in some factories where I did the same thing over and over again. This work I did not care for so much, however, there is a dignity with any job when it is done well and in order to supply for your needs. I think I could do any job knowing that it was God's will for me. I would make the best of it and try to be a Godly influence with those that I work with.