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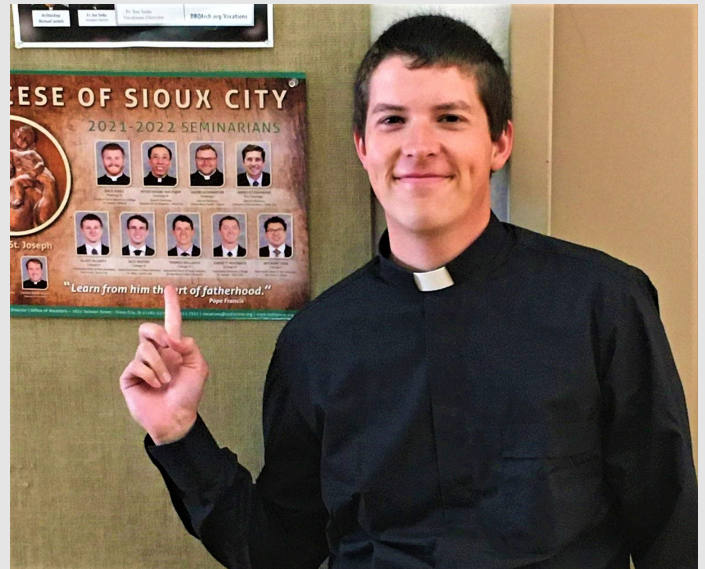
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Thomas Kollasch

Although he thought about the priesthood during his high school years, Thomas Kollasch made the decision to attend UI.

Joining the Newman Center at the invitation of a FOCUS missionary, Thomas says he learned what it meant to live a reflective lifestyle in the joy of choosing Jesus through the discipleship of the FOCUS program.

His favorite memories of the center are Thursday Night Mass with Fr Jeff and hearing the messages of visiting priests.



He related an impactful experience during Adoration that made him understand and realize Jesus saw him and was calling him to serve in the priesthood.

After 2 years at UI, he enrolled at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Minnesota and is now studying in Rome for the next 5 years. He said during his time at the Newman Center he learned how to accept himself and felt the Lord pulling him in.