



WELCOME Seminarian Lou Balzer to our Parish Family



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A little bit about myself.

My name is Louis Balzer and I am from Avon Lake. I've lived in Avon Lake most of my entire life. I went to Catholic grade school until 3rd grade. From then on I went to public schools and graduated from Avon Lake High School in 1995.

For the next year and a half I worked construction and I thought about going to college. College did not seem to be a possibility for me at the time, so I decided to enlist in the Air Force. I spent the next four years in South Carolina, which included a total of seven months in two deployments to Saudi Arabia. Looking back at areas of my life, I regretfully strayed from the Church during some of these years in the service and even a few years after. My stay in the Air Force was from 1997 to 2001. I spent the next four years or so working and going to school here and there.

When I finally found my way back to the Church a couple of years ago, I started to study scripture, go to daily Mass, and attend faith discussion meetings. I was "on fire" with all that I had been learning. It was in these ways, I believe the Holy Spirit worked through my parish, so much that I was inspired to enter the seminary.

Since then I've experienced a peace and joy I have never known before.

Truly the Lord is my Shepherd

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