

## **Donald Amodeo**

As a newly ordained deacon, I've found much to be thankful for in the experience of serving God's people through preaching and administering the sacraments. Now entering my final year of seminary formation, priesthood feels like it is right around the corner and I'm more excited than ever to discover what the Lord has in store!

While I've lived most of my life in Florida, I was born in frosty Buffalo, NY to parents who knew and lived the Faith. I would later head back up north to the Franciscan University of Steubenville to discern the priesthood. I took some wonderful theology courses, yet ended up with a marketing degree, eventually channeling my creative energy into a successful startup business and authoring the afterlife adventure "Dead & Godless."

But the Lord wasn't done with me yet! That old calling came back, and this time I said yes. As I begin my seventh year as a seminarian, I'm constantly met with new reasons to be grateful. It's an eventful time to be a Catholic, and I look forward to continuing the adventure with my fellow seminarians this year!