

Jorel De Guzman

My name is Jorel De Guzman. Born and raised in Tampa, Florida, I grew up in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg. My schooling in both elementary and middle school was at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic School, which later became Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School at Saint Timothy's. After my completion of middle school, I have just completed my four-year stint at Jesuit High School. Although my schooling was nearby churches, my home parish since roughly fourth grade has been Mary Help of Christians. Alongside my mom, dad, and my sister, Mary Help's Salesian spirit has had quite an impact not only in the Liturgy, but also through the extensive reaching out to the young in summer camps.

My attraction to the priesthood primarily consists in the realization of God's guiding hand in my life. Growing up throughout my childhood in the Diocese of Saint Petersburg has truly been a blessing that I can scarcely start to put into words. Although I will never be worthy to answer the call, I have full confidence that putting my trust in the Lord will make up for any deficiency that I bring to the table.