

Robert Gale

My name is Robert “Rob” and I am starting seminary as a junior at St. Joseph College Seminary in Covington, Louisiana. I was born in Dunedin and raised in the Clearwater area. My home parish is St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Clearwater. I am the only child of William “Bill” and Diane Gale.

I graduated from Countryside High School in 2010, the International Academy of Design and Technology in 2012, and St. Petersburg College in 2018. My main professional was professional photography in the fields of weddings, events, sports, portraits, and especially photo booth rentals; my personal favorite. My hobbies vary but what I enjoy doing is playing my musical instruments the Euphonium and Trombone, taking photographs, and hanging around with friends.

I have been discerning priesthood for many years. Ever since I was 5 or 6 years old I would read Bible stories, watch kids versions of the Bible, and even played priest in the Mass. I felt more of a calling when I received my first communion in Israel (Holy Land) in the chapel near the Cenacle of the Upper Room, where the institution of the Eucharist happened. It wasn't until 2020, I was asked to photograph Fr. Penn's first Mass. After Mass, I looked at my camera, looked at Fr. Penn, and said to myself, “I enjoy photography; however, I would feel happier and at peace serving the people of God as a priest”. From that moment I decided to seriously pursue discerning priesthood.