

Austin Smith

Hi! My name is Austin Smith! I grew up in Brandon, Florida, attending my current home parish of Nativity since I was a little boy. Before entering seminary, I attended Jesuit High School in Tampa and felt my call to be a priest the summer before my junior year of high school while sitting in solitude and silence. After graduating, I moved to Nashville for two years where I ministered to teens in middle school and high schoolers with a group called the Love Good Apprenticeship Program. While in Nashville, my calling to priesthood was deepened, and after a year at Ave Maria university, I joined the seminary in the fall of 2020.

I am so excited to be going into my second year of seminary and I hope to continue my tradition of eliminating the competition in soccer and ping-pong (while I do enjoy these two sports, I am actually not as good as I advertise). I also enjoy fitness in general and was a wrestler in high school. Outside of the sports world, I have been known to be ruthless at Monopoly, Catan, and most other board games. My moto is to have mercy at every opportunity except in Monopoly.