

**Deacon Lou Turcotte** - I was born on June 8<sup>th</sup> in Clearwater, Florida, and have lived here all my life with my mom, dad, and two sisters. I'm a big fan of the Rays, Bucs, and Liverpool FC, and I have a great group of friends with whom I love hanging out and going on random adventures. Raised Catholic, I've attended Light of Christ Church for my entire life. I graduated from Clearwater High School in 2008 and, while I thought about entering the seminary, instead attended the University of Florida where I became very involved with the Catholic Student Union and FOCUS. As my faith life continued to deepen at college, the call to the priesthood returned in a major way, and I entered the seminary in 2011 after graduating with a degree in Marketing. Since then, I've completed six years of seminary, and have had amazing experiences in hospitals, prisons, foreign countries, and amazing parishes around our diocese. To cap it all off, last April I was ordained a deacon along with my fellow classmates. The joy continues to deepen as I approach priestly ordination, and I pray that God continues to guide me - and ask for your prayers as well!