

Reinaldo Jara - I am currently in Theology-I at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. Prior to entering seminary I held various jobs including cook at several restaurants, customer service at JP Morgan Chase, caretaker at a traumatic brain injury rehab and associate youth director at my parish. My home parish is Our Lady of the Rosary in Land O' Lakes. I am a high school graduate from the IB program in Land O' Lakes High School and I also earned an Associate's degree in pre-nursing from USF prior to entering seminary 4 years ago. I did not think about becoming a priest until I was in my college years. The call came about gradually and grew especially as I attended several retreats with a group called the Home of the Mother. In 2010 I went to Spain to discern a religious vocation and I stayed there for 2 years total before coming back to Tampa. In my vocational discernment journey I have been blessed with the friendships and mentorship of several holy priests. I am growing in a love for the vocation of the priesthood and hope to faithfully carry out God's plans for my life.