

Drew Woodke was born and raised in Brandon, except for three years in elementary school when his father was relocated to Atlanta for business. Drew and his family are life long parishioners at Nativity Catholic Church. Before entering seminary, Drew received a degree in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. While in college, he was involved in the faith formation office at St. Stephen in Valrico, where he served a brief tenure as the high school youth minister, as well as various other jobs on his summer vacations. He attributes his desire to serve to his experiences on mission trips in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. Drew felt an increased awareness for his call to the ministerial priesthood while in college, and it was at Franciscan that he decided to enter the seminary after he finished his degree. He has completed his studies in philosophy at the St. John Vianney College Seminary, as well as three years at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, and is currently in 3rd theology.