

CAVocation Voices A



Name - (Mr.) Dan Masterton

Congregation - lay person working with the Viatorians

How long in Vocation Ministry - new to vocation ministry, 8 years in pastoral ministry with young people

Birthplace: Arlington Heights, IL

Favorite Pastime / Hobby: I love to write, run, and watch or play sports.

Favorite recipe : One of my favorite easy preps is Chicken Parmesan. With four small- to medium-sized chicken breasts, you just crack and beat an egg in one bowl; in a second bowl, mix some bread crumbs, Parmesan, and your favorite Italian spices; dip the chicken in the egg then coat it. Bake it at 400 for 20 minutes (or more until cooked through), and then add some marinara sauce and shredded cheese on top and broil it for 5 more minutes. You can boil whatever favorite pasta in the meantime to make a delicious, easy, less-than-30-minute dish.

What book is currently on your bedside table? The MVP Machine by Ben Lindbergh and Travis Sawchik - a book about the cutting edge changes in baseball

Favorite TV Show: The Simpsons

Favorite Movie: depending on my mood, I usually choose Will Ferrell comedies or Marvel action movies

Favorite Song: "All For You" by Sister Hazel

Favorite flavor of ice cream: Vanilla ice cream, but as part of a cherry shake

Favorite Vacation Spot: My wife and I honeymooned in Puerto Rico, and we LOVED it.

I've always wanted to visit: pilgrimage to Tepeyac and the Guadalupe sites or in the footsteps of Christ in the Holy Land

I receive the most joy from: spending time with people who are present, relaxed, and invested in good conversation.

Why be a religious today: My friends who are Viatorian priests and brothers are extraordinary examples of how to be people of earnest, lived faith in the modern world - people who are serious about following Christ but remaining grounded, accessible, and down to earth. They are committed to being the hands and feet of Christ's love for others, especially through accompanying young people and others accounted of little importance by society. I think a young man who desires to make the world more loving and just should be drawn to the chance to be formed and supported to do that with his life.

Previous ministries: I have worked abroad in Ireland as a volunteer lay minister and in Catholic high schools as a campus minister, theology teacher, and coach.

What are you passionate about? For fun, I am passionate about the Cubs, Bears, and Blackhawks. For more serious stuff, I am passionate about family and friends, living my faith actively and in relationship, and about trying to be a positive example of discipleship to others.

How do you relax? I like to sit and write, preferably outside with a cool breeze, or go for a run or workout with some music, a podcast, or just the sounds of the fresh air.