

My name is Paul Shovelain and I am the son of Jim and Marie Shovelain. I grew up in St. Michael and entered seminary right out of High School. The three main influences for me to enter seminary right out of high school were the Holy Priests in our Parish that I have been able to look up to, the great youth ministry program in our parish, and the encouragement of family. I am in my 4<sup>th</sup> year at St. John Vianney Seminary and every year has been filled with many graces. I have been able to learn from some of the best Priests, including Fr. William Baer and now Fr. Becker, about what Priesthood is all about. St. John Vianney is the largest College Seminary in the country with 160 men. We have a lot of fun together but also challenge each other to grow in holiness. Thank you for your prayers, I have felt them over my time here in seminary.