

### **Biographical Information for Seminarian Charles Bemis**

My name is Charles Bemis and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of St. Augustine in formation at St. John Vianney College Seminary. Living in Florida my entire life, I have been a proud parishioner of St. Luke's Catholic Church for twelve years.

Growing up I always had a great appreciation, admiration and love for the Mass and the Eucharist. My family and I attended Mass every Sunday and I was heavily involved in Liturgical ministries as an altar server, lector, and choir member, as well as an active part of the youth group.

While attending Oakleaf High School, I was well-rounded with extracurricular activities varying from filing for the varsity football team to being an active member of the chorus program, all the while staying involved in my Church activities.

It wasn't until November 2015 when I truly began to open my heart to the possibility of the priesthood. After much prayer and thought, I answered that call with open arms during Holy Week and was formally accepted by the board on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I am so blessed to have this awesome opportunity, for this new chapter in my life and where this calling and journey will take me.