



In the Spotlight: Meeting new members

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Dan was born in Providence, Rhode Island to Robert and Judith Comerford on 05 November 1986. He states that he and his parents have always shared a close relationship. "Ever since I can remember, my parents have always been supportive of my hopes and dreams."

"Since I am an only child, my parents spent a lot of time with me but made sure to provide opportunities in which I could develop close bonds with others. I will always be appreciative and thankful for my parents in their decision to instill in me strong Catholic values and beliefs. My maternal grandmother played a significant role throughout my life, providing a moral compass which I continue to follow today."

Dan's primary studies and high school years were spent in Catholic Schools. Since he was sixteen years old, Dan worked for the Mayor S. Mancini No. Providence Public Library, eventually becoming a circulation supervisor. He began his undergraduate studies in 2005 at the University of Rhode Island in South Kingston. While majoring in business, he continued his work at the library. Finding the regular commute from South Kingston to North Providence difficult and impractical, Dan transferred to the Community College of Rhode Island in 2006, changing his major to history. He later transferred to Rhode Island College to finish his degree in history.

It was during this time that Dan seriously considered religious life. "I went on-line and requested information from the Capuchins and promptly received a wealth of information. After much reading and research, I concluded that I wanted to live my life simply and for God." After his first appointment with Brother Tim, addressing many of his questions, Dan became more and more interested in Capuchin life. "After our discussion I realized that everything about the Order appealed to me, especially the various ministries dedicated to helping others."

"I started to volunteer at the Amos House Soup Kitchen which sometimes serves up to four hundred people in a given morning. The experience was more rewarding to me than words can explain."

"As a Capuchin, I will do my best in ministering to others. I hope to devote myself in helping the poor and those most in need. There are many ways to serve God within the Order and I am open to anything God chooses me to do. I know that God will lead me in the right direction. By following God's will and accepting what comes my way, as a Capuchin, I can help make a difference by living a life according to the gospel; following in the footsteps of St. Francis."

Newly-accepted postulants Ron O'Keefe w/Dan Comerford at the recent Discernment Weekend-05-07 June 2009

