

Preparing for Solemn Vows and Ordination to Priesthood...

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My Capuchin journey thus far, has been full of blessings, challenges and many surprises. From my first phone call to Brother Tim Jones requesting information about the Capuchins to this present moment, I have known that this is the place where God has intended me to be. I am grateful for the support that I have received from my brothers over the years as I now enter my second year of studies at Boston College in preparation for Solemn Vows and Ordination to the priesthood within the next couple of years.

This past summer I lived at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in the Lower East Side of New York City. For two and a half months I participated in the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program, a comprehensive program that integrates peer review, supervisory evaluation, and personal reflection, that was offered at the New York's Veteran Hospital.



It was an enriching experience, one that will certainly be of great value as I begin to get ready for full time ministry within the next couple of years.

Along with my studies at Boston College, I will continue my ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, which includes teaching RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, and singing in the Spanish choir. I look forward to a great year.

