

My name is Fr Jared Michael Dennis Loehr, LC, RN. This life is such a gift and there are so many ways to give that gift.

I remember CCD growing up at Ascension in the basement of St Thomas Aquinas High School and having mass in their auditorium. I remember helping with the choir and attending youth group in high school.

The place where I got to discover the most about myself and who God is was in adoration. I enjoyed those quiet moments when everything stops. I took out all the coincidences of life and started to see what God was revealing through all the highs and lows of life.

The people that I began to spend time with were ones who could support my endeavor for holiness and heaven. Relationships stopped being about fitting in but about exchanging what was within. A powerful moment was going up to the altar at a retreat and giving God a blank check of my life on the amount. Every moment since God has been cashing in on my yes and reinvesting himself to me especially in the Eucharist!

When students ask me why I wanted to be a priest, I surprise them by saying that it wasn't that I wanted to be a priest. I wanted to be totally happy, not kinda happy. I realized that was only possible by discovering God's plan for me. This was especially crucial since I will only be here on earth for a short amount of time. The religious life and priesthood was an invitation and can only be explained as a supernatural gift. I'm so grateful for His proposal and will try to be faithful to this great gift.

As far as my story goes, I went to Harmony middle school, then Blue Valley Northwest high school, then The University of Kansas for a bachelor degree in nursing. I mostly worked in the burn unit. Then I went to the Legionary of Christ Novitiate and College of Humanities in Cheshire, Connecticut for an associates degree in humanities. After that I received a degree in philosophy from Regina Apostolorum at the Thornwood, New York campus. My 3 year internship was in Houston, Texas, teaching, giving spiritual coaching, leading camps, boy's clubs, mission trips, and pilgrimages. My theology studies were in Rome, Italy. My first assignment was director of youth work in Houston and

now I'm being sent as chaplain of our school in Manila, Philippines!

Each day is a huge gift and I am so grateful for my wonderful family, faith, and being able to strive for sanctity. Please pray for me that I be a holy priest through whom others can receive God's grace. We are all made for heaven; let's help each other to get there!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr Jared Loehr, LC

