



# Our Men in Black



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## **Favorite prayer**

I love celebrating the Mass! Outside of the Holy Mass I love the rosary and the memorare!

## **Favorite saint**

I love St. Maximilian Kolbe: He founded the Knights of the Immaculata. And at Auschwitz, he gave his life for another, dying in the place of a man with a wife and children. When the commandant asked, "Who are you?" Father Kolbe responded, "I am a Catholic priest."

## **Advice for young people considering a vocation**

Do not be afraid. If you think God might be calling

you, He probably is. Listen to his voice and follow Him.

## **What has been a holy moment for you in your priesthood?**

Hearing confessions: Great conversions and healing happen in the confessional. I am humbled to witness this in Persona Christi.

## **What have you learned from your brother priests?**

Father Andrew Plesa taught me about connecting with people and how kindness and compassion and holiness go a long way.

## **Something about you few people would know**

Before I was a priest, I walked on the Great Wall of

China. Also, when I went to holy Mass in Beijing I was inspired by the faith of the people praying the rosary in Chinese beforehand. I find it pretty exhilarating to ride my bike with no hands. I am pretty good at that.

## **Favorite hobby or pastime**

I love to bike long distances in the great outdoors. I also enjoy reading a good book. I also like playing softball. Sometimes, I can hit the ball pretty far or make a pretty good catch.

## **Favorite temporal things**

The Chicago Cubs, Bears and Bulls, and of course, The Butler Bulldogs!