

# Liam Helms SDS - Novice

**Background:** Liam grew up in Alabama and Louisiana and graduated from Hazel Green High School in Alabama where he was a member of the color guard, drill team, shooting team and debate team. His favorite subject was history! He attended an undergraduate program at Calhoun Community College in Alabama studying TV and radio production and photography before going on to Notre Dame Seminary where he started on his Masters of Divinity. Liam entered the Emergency Management Institute (EMI), earning certifications for Project Management of National Level Emergencies and Disasters. He worked for the US Government, the Department of Homeland Security, and was a national emergency incident commander and a project manager for FEMA. He worked with the Department of Justice, US Marshals, doing Federal Extradition of inmates. In addition, he held positions at both NBC and FOX as a production engineer and in news operations

**Why the Salvatorians:** Liam shared that Salvatorian Br. Joseph Kreutzer SDS was the first Salvatorian he had met. Brother Joseph was praying the Rosary at an abortion clinic in Huntsville, AL. "When I was in New Orleans I had come to know the Benedictines, Dominicans and Jesuits well," said Liam. "But Br. Joseph was so different and looking at his hands holding that Rosary in that old worn out habit was like seeing a living saint face-to-face." Liam explored a diocese calling at first, but feelings of being called to religious life never went away. He started spending meal times with the Dominican and Maryknoll Fathers. "I felt my call toward religious life being strengthened," he said. "I started the discernment process over again with various orders, but, Br. Joseph praying that rosary came into my mind. I thought about that a few times and picked up the phone to reach out to the Salvatorians."

**Hobbies:** Liam enjoys painting, reading, photography and cooking.

**Favorite Quote:** "...And Jesus in the crucifix speaks to St. Thomas and says, 'You've written well of me, Thomas. What do you want as your reward?' St. Thomas answered, 'Non nisi te, Domine. Non nisi te.' Nothing but you, Lord. Nothing but you."

**Favorite Dessert:** Cheesecake!

