
He was always curious about a religious vocation, but the diocesan and monastic life didn’t seem to fit him. The more he researched the Society of Jesus, the more he felt called to it. Needless to say, it stuck. In particular, he was struck by the Jesuit commitment to working in the world, and the emphasis on using one’s gifts and talents to serve others.

Born and raised in New Orleans, he graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a bachelor's degree in fire science. He had started training as a junior firefighter at the age of 14 with the local volunteer department, and by 18 had been offered a job and a paycheck. After graduating from college, however, he felt a strong pull toward the Society of Jesus.

That wasn’t the only time grace provided direction. While praying during a 30-day retreat as a novice, he felt drawn toward the nursing profession. “It wasn’t quite what I expected to hear,” he says of the discovery. “But everything has fallen into place without extending my formation. And it all happened because of the grace of God.”

So Jason went to St. Louis University, completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and became a cardiac care nurse.

A member of the New Orleans Province, Jason came to Regis by way of his regency, the part of Jesuit formation where men spend two or three years in a school or other Jesuit apostolate. From here, it will be another five or so years before he’s ordained. He lives with the Regis Jesuit Community, works as a trauma nurse at St. Anthony Hospital, and serves as affiliate faculty in the Loretto Heights School of Nursing, teaching students in the accelerated, CHOICE, and traditional BSN programs.

“It is a great privilege to be at Regis. I am able to continue my formation as a Jesuit, work as a clinician and learn how to be a professor.”

Three passions intertwined and interacting with one another, it looks like Jason is exactly where he is meant to be. Funny what happens when you open yourself to grace.