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I am a Maryknoll Missioner with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. I have been in the “Brothers’ Formation” program for 8 years. I am currently completing my final 5 months where I will be concluding with my Final Oath Ceremony on May 31, 2019. At this time, I will begin my life as a Permanent Maryknoll Missioner Brother in the Consecrated life and in Mission.

I have attended Our Lady Immaculate School in Strathroy, Sir George Ross Secondary in London and Harold Washington College in the Arts, St. Xavier University and Catholic Theological Union in Chicago for Religious Studies and Catholic Theology. My final and current London Diocese parish is All Saints Parish, Strathroy and I also, attend St. Thomas, the Apostle in Hyde Park, Chicago while I am in religious formation.

Brother Ryan Thibert M.M.
Final year of formation
Home Parish: All Saints, Strathroy, Ontario

Many people in my life have influenced and opened my heart to God’s calling of me in my vocation as a Brother. I had many good role models who taught me about my faith and walk with the Lord. I selected this particular religious order of the Maryknoll Brothers because they recognized my unique calling to mission and personal gifts. They motivated me to be my best authentic self in service to the poor and neglected in society. Their vision and charisms of Global Mission and Apostolic life allowed me to best dedicate myself and share my life in commitment to God and his people in the world. I was attracted to the daily simplicity of service with love as I offer my talents to serve God in the Mission.

About the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers: The Mission of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers is to “Go Overseas and Demonstrate God’s Love & Mercy to the Poor”. The Maryknoll missionaries began when two American priests from distinctly different backgrounds met in Montreal in 1910, they both recognized that the Church would not flourish until it sent missionaries overseas, so began formulating plans to establish a seminary for foreign missionaries. Grounded in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers partner with local churches to bring compassion, relief, and the message of God’s love to the poor on the fringes of society. Pope Francis challenges the Catholic Church to create a culture of mission, one in which all Christians respond to their baptismal call to be “Missionary Disciples.” Maryknoll answers this call to mission in the poorest regions of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and we invite and enable others to answer the call across the US. We create clinics and hospitals, agricultural and vocational training, feed and care for vulnerable children, provide economic empowerment, AIDS ministry, disaster relief, and we bring hope and healing to a world of broken spirits www.maryknoll.org



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