

Seminary Students – Case Four

Adrian H., age 23, is applying to a Catholic university seminary program. He graduated from a four-year college with a major in business administration. After college, he worked for six months as an intern in the marketing department of a large corporation. He served six months with Americorps in Chicago, teaching young children English.

His application and initial interview for the seminary program indicated that his college years were somewhat uneven. He attended a state university for a year and a half before he was expelled for drinking and partying on campus. He then transferred to a community college, where he obtained an associate's degree. He completed a bachelor's degree at a state college (overall GPA 2.9 on a 4.0 scale).

In the initial selection interview for the seminary, he appeared to be somewhat evasive and vague about his goals. However, he did say that he has always wanted to be a priest. When asked by the interviewer about the circumstances that led to his expulsion, he said, "That was the way I was in college and I regret those things. But now I have a new life plan."