

## Church Staff Questionnaire

1. How long have worked in ministry? How long at St. Thomas?

I have worked with youth in the Diocese for three years - starting at St. Luke's, and moving on to Reconciliation. This is my first year at St. Thomas, however!

2. Why did you decide to work in ministry?

After spending a summer as a camp counsellor - I realized that I wanted to work with youth year-round. My job at St. Luke's was geared more towards leading praise and worship, which is also how I originally got involved with St. Thomas, helping out with Youth Sunday two years ago. Now it's crazy because I'm planning this year's Youth Sunday (Mark your calendars for Nov 12)!

3. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Being 100% honest, I wanted to be a Priest! I grew up in a very religious home and any time my Mom's friends would ask me what I aspired to be someday (even though my Mom wished I would say "DOCTOR" or "LAWYER") my answer would always be a Priest!

In High School I decided that I would study Biology in College but one of my friend's parents said "Kevin. I think you're going to be a Youth Minister someday." Lisa must've been a psychic or something.

4. Tell us about your family.

My family is awesome. Two loving parents (Robert and Kathy) and a sister (Kennedy) who just entered high school (scary!) - they've always been supportive of me every step of the way, even when Kennedy and I argue over which bands have better songs. We love watching funny movies like Napoleon Dynamite and Nacho Libre, and playing board games - until somebody accuses somebody else of cheating (which happens every time)!

5. Do you have any pets?

I have a dog named Ginger who is a Boxer/Black Mouth Cur mix. She's only half a year old but already all sorts of trouble. If anyone has any puppy-training tips please let me know!

6. Tell us about your hobbies.

I have a YouTube channel called Kevintendo where I upload videos and live stream! I'm kind of like an "on-air personality" playing video games, where people from all over the country (and the world!) tune in to chat with me, ask me questions, and give me song requests to sing live! It's a pretty crazy experience since it is live, absolutely anything can happen, which means that some pretty mean people can find their way to my channel. Although it is scary it's also exciting because every day I have the chance to influence people I've never even met before!

When I applied for the Youth Minister position a few months ago we had barely hit 1000 subscribers, and at the time of writing I have 2055 subs so it'll be interesting to see how quickly the channel grows in the future!

7. Do you have any hidden talents?

I mentioned it in another question, but I love to lead praise and worship! Fr. Reed from St. Thomas told me once that I'd be good enough to do it professionally someday, so it really is a dream of mine

to someday lead praise and worship for a conference or something like that!

8. Name one thing that not many people know about you.

I have a ridiculous sensitivity to temperature with my teeth so it takes me probably three times as long to drink from a fountain than any normal person.

9. What is the craziest thing you have ever done?

Once I did a stage dive on a retreat I was on! I had all the retreatants go in front of the worship stage and I jumped! I got in trouble for it, but it's okay because we got it on film. If you search "Kevin Frei Stagedive" on YouTube you can find it on my old channel haha.

10. If you could change places with a Bible character, who would you choose? Why?

I think I would change places with John the Baptist. I spent three summers as a camp counsellor at Deer Creek Camp and I really

love what spending time in nature does for me. I get a little more scraggly, a little stinkier, but a lot more focused on what matters! Plus I enjoy eating locusts! No not really, I'm just kidding about that part.

11. What is your favorite book of the Bible? Why?

My favorite book of the Bible is *Genesis*. When I was growing up I would always love hearing the stories that are packed into *Genesis* (there are so many!) and the songs that went with them!

12. If you could perform miracles, what would you do?

If I could choose what miracle to perform I'd be fluent in all languages. It would be so awesome to be able to go ANYWHERE in the world and preach the word of God - or order a cheeseburger!

13. When you think about God - what is the first thing that comes to mind?

Protector. God is with us wherever we go and whatever situations we could get ourselves into. He's our defender and our deliverer from all that could harm us. When I'm scared or worried I love to sing the *Mary*

Haugen Hymn of Psalm 91: "Be with me Lord when I am in trouble. Be with me Lord I pray."

14. What do you think delights God above anything else?

I think God is most delighted when we love one another. I think that if we follow the Great Commandments: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. As long as we do our best to do that whenever we can, the Lord will always be delighted!