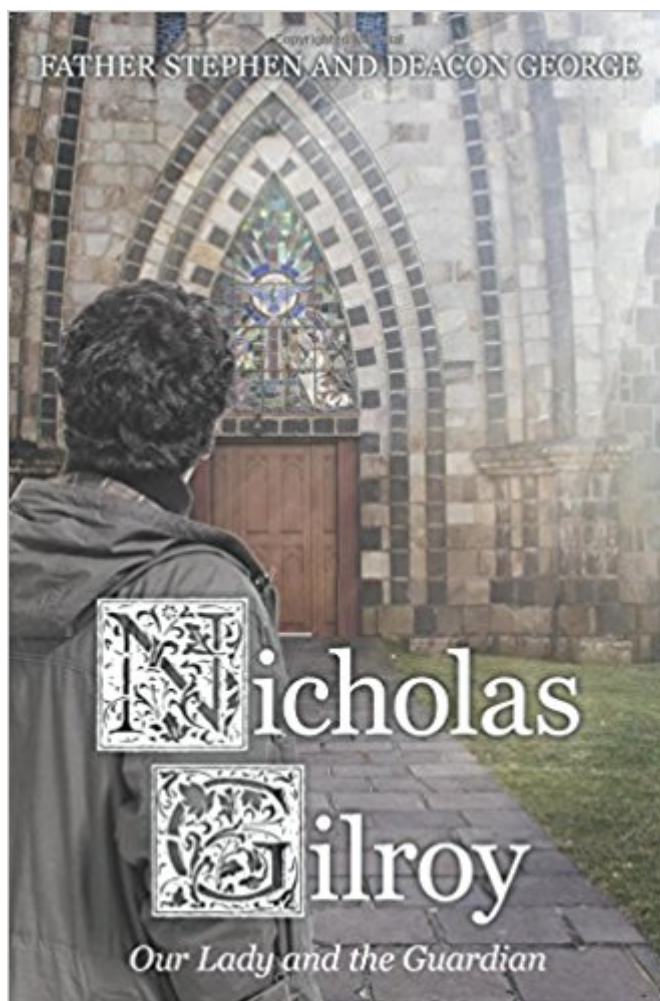


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# Nicholas Gilroy



## Synopsis

Since he was in the first grade, fourteen-year-old Nicholas Gilroy has felt that God might be calling him to be a Catholic priest. To determine whether he has a vocation, he applies and is accepted as a freshman at Saint Peter's High School Seminary. Nicholas, who has been homeschooled, is overwhelmed by the size of the building. He is also intimidated by the vice rector, Father Stephen Reynolds, who, from Nicholas's perspective, should be in the marines and not in a seminary. The young man soon develops a friendship with Jose and Luke, two other freshman boys, which helps him to achieve success on the football team and to enjoy his new life at Saint Peter's. But when Nicholas signs up for an after-school program to help tutor children in the inner city, he finds himself thrown into an adventure that puts his life at risk and changes him forever. In this novel, a teenage boy enrolled in a seminary participates in an after-school tutoring program in the inner city and comes face-to-face with life-changing danger.

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## Customer Reviews

This was a quick read, well written, very Catholic. All in a good way. I would have had my children read it when we were homeschooling and I think it would be a great read for Catholic school or CCD students. Because of some more mature content, I would probably recommend junior high or upper elementary grades. I enjoyed the matter-of-fact tone in portraying the life of a young man discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Nicholas had to deal with personal challenges and well as contemporary issues but the authors were not preachy or heavy handed in their presentation and resolution. I will be sharing it with my children and the grandchildren.

This is an excellent book for youth in Confirmation study and any young person to find that the questions and path they are struggling with not only has great rewards but that everyone starts on it and when the way is hard it is the best way and the growth is reward enough by itself. This is an easy read and not so long and complicated that one might lose interest. Nicholas and Gilroy is well written and will send the right stimulation to a young mind!

Amazing book – I recommend it because it's a must read for all ages

I just finished this book written by Fr Steve and Deacon George. I loved the book and its message about our Holy Mother and her guidance for all of us. It is a story about high school seminarians and their journey through God's word and guidance. An excellent book for all ages.

Insightful to the word of God, the teachings and meanings of Scripture and aids to us to live by. Highly recommend.

Such a great book and Great message. Thank you for writing this book.

Nicholas Gilroy. *Our Lady and the Guardian*. By Father Stephen and Deacon George. Bloomington, Indiana: Archway Publishing, 2017. Paperback, 112 pages. \$11.99. Veteran teachers and members of the Regina Literary Guild, Father Stephen and Deacon George offer a delightful story about a very young man who enters Saint Peter's High School Seminary. Nicholas Gilroy seeks God's wise will. He believes that the Lord desires that he become a priest. Therefore, with confidence in Him and His Holy Mother, the fourteen-year-old leaves his loving family to embrace the life of a seminarian. Along the way, as one would expect, Nicholas meets various persons and challenges, but also many joys! With uncommon trust in Jesus, he perseveres and completes his freshman year in the Seminary. The reader will note the lasting friendships that develop between Nicholas and the other seminarians, the paternal encouragement of the Rector, the discipline established by the Vice Rector, the demanding classes that broaden the horizons of these prospective priests, the fun that the seminarians have together, including on the football field, and the generous spirit displayed by them in providing food and lodging for some of the poor and in traveling to the inner city to assist grade school students after-school. It is within the context of the after-school program that Nicholas learns about violence in society. Although he is scarred by the

incomprehensible attack on human life that he witnessed, he remains grateful for the privilege to tutor a minority student, cherishing it as a golden opportunity to share Jesus Christ. The account of Nicholas repeatedly returns to the beautiful Chapel of Saint Peter's High School Seminary. It is there that he and his brother seminarians receive the divine grace necessary to walk the path of discernment that, for some men, leads to the Altar of God. His love for the Most Blessed Sacrament—whether in Mass or during Eucharistic Adoration—and his veneration of Our Blessed Lady are palpable. This volume would make an excellent gift for junior high school and high school boys who wonder what the Holy Spirit wants of them. It is readable, inspiring and informative. Catholic schools and parish religious education programs would do well to make this work available to parents, students and instructors.

I had the great privilege to attend the 4:00 pm Mass yesterday at my beautiful parish church, St. John, Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton Massachusetts. Father Stephen was assisted by Deacon George at this Mass. I am so happy that I now own an autographed copy of this book. This is a beautiful book. It is the story of a young boy who is attending his freshman year at St. Peter's High School Seminary. I started reading in my car in the parking lot. I highly recommend this book. It's a very easy yet meaningful read. I'm not going to give it away, but this book is devout, fun, faith filled, adventurous and much more. Adults can enjoy it and I highly recommend it for children, especially boys who might be interested in the priesthood. I would love to see it read in catholic middle schools, as well as middle school CCD programs. This is an honest review. It is available from . I don't have the link, but you can find it easily. A little secret, it's the first in a series of four books. I have it on good authority that the next 3 will be set in some very exciting places. Can't wait!!

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