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Before discerning a call to the priesthood, Blake's undergraduate and graduate training was in the archaeology of the ancient Eastern Mediterranean world, first at Wheaton College in Illinois where he received his B.A. (2002-2006), and then at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, where in 2007 he received his M.A. first class with distinction. He has been involved with several field projects on land and underwater in Italy, Cyprus, and Israel. As a priest he continues to be enthralled with the richness of this subject, and is convinced that history can have a strong, positive influence on religious imagination.

A native of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Blake is a dyed-in-the-wool Packers fan, and attributes his unlikely survival in Bears, Broncos, and then Patriots territory to a minor act of divine intervention. He also enjoys fly fishing, hiking, music, art, and local history. Blake is a chaplain for the Royal School of Church Music summer course in Newport, Rhode Island, the same course which CSMSG musicians and choristers attended last year and will again in 2015. He posts his sermons online at www.frbsawicky.org."