

GREGORY TATANIA, SEMINARIAN

PARENTAL BACKGROUND

My Father, Abraham Tatania Moendi, was born in 1934 before Second World War. He saw the Second World when he was 8 years old. He was an uneducated man and subsistence farmer. He died in 4th November 2015. My Mother, Juli Anawe is an uneducated woman and subsistence farmer. They were living like nomadic life. They were living in fear because of tribal fighting. The tribal fighting was still going on when a missionary entered in Kanabea where my Father's home village, Amatitanapmea and Hagewanka, which became Kanabe in 1962. The missionaries who went there to save my families, the surrounding communities, and the whole mountain part (hinterland) of Gulf in Papua New Guinea were these people: Fr. Besson, Vin and Ann (lay people), and others.. Fr. Besson entered in Kanabea village in 1962 and asked the people for land to build the Church and my father Abraham Tatania and His Brothers Domai, Timias Toma etc., gave the land to build the church. Fr. Besson built a church and converted non-Christians into Christians. My father and mother and others were the first people who were baptised without any catechetical class. They had no proper understanding of the faith of the Catholic Church when they were baptised. Fr. Besson baptised when they understand the symbols and signs especially In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, folding hands together, and facing towards the cross.

SEMINARIAN BACKGROUND

I, Gregory Tatania, was born in 1986 in/at Kanabea Rural Hospital. I started my education in 1994- pre-school/kindergarten at Kanabea Catholic Mission taught by the St. Joseph of Cluny sisters. I started grade one in 1995 and finished grade eight in 2003 in/at Kanabea Primary School in #Kotidnga# district Gulf Province. I continued grade nine in 2004 and finished grade ten in 2005 at Bema Sacred Heart High School in Kaintiba district Gulf Province. I stayed at home in 2006 due to school fee problem. I continued grade eleven in 2007 and finished grade twelve in 2008 at Donbosco Technical Secondary School Araimiri in the Kerema Gulf province. I entered seminary in 2009. I went to Good Shepherd Seminary at Fatima Banze Mt. Hagen Western High Province studying Religious Stud for three years (intellectual formation). I finished Religious Study in 2011. In 2012, I did my pastoral in Terapo Parish in Kerema Diocese (pastoral formation). In year 2013, I did my spiritual year at St. Fidelis Madang (Spiritual formation). Last year 2014 I was studying Theology one and this year 2016 I am studying Theology three in Catholic Theological Institute Bomana, Port Moresby (intellectual formation). Hopefully this year 2016 I will complete Theology three (3) and go back to the diocese of Kerema to do my pastoral and to prepare to become a deacon, depending on the situation or circumstance allowed. If the situation is not allowed then the process will be prolonged by a year.

What inspired me to enter seminary?

I was not inspired by the Holy Spirit nor did I see something that motivated me to follow them. The reason that I entered seminary is: I participated in a Bible Quiz Questions given by a priest and sister. Out of fifty marks; I scored less than ten out of fifty. At the moment of receiving the result, I felt guilty and very sad because I did not answer correctly, and I had no answer for all the questions, and I asked myself, "Why I get this kind of mark?" I decided its better if I would have to research and find the answers by myself. Where could I find answers? The only I place I could find answer was in the seminary. For this purpose/ reason I wrote a letter of interest to the bishop to join the seminary. He accepted me and sent me to Good Shepherd Seminary where I did my studies up until now. I am presently in Holy Spirit Seminary Bomana studying theology. Of course, I found all the answers in my studies and proved that I fulfilled my researched. This year 2016 I will complete my study and go back home to the diocese and get ready for the future plan.

My EDUCATION BACKGROUND

PRIMARY EDUCATION

1994 - 2003 KANABEA PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN KOTIDANGA DISTRICT KEREMA GULF
HIGHER EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

2004 - 2005 BEMA SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL IN KAINTIBA DISTRICT KEREMA
GULF

2006 - no school. free. stayed home

SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION

2007 - 2008 DON BOSCO SECONDARY SCHOOL ARAIMIRI KEREMA CENTRAL KEREMA
GULF

3 TERTIARY EDUCATIONS

2009 - 2011 PHILOSOPHY / RS STUDY IN GOOD SHEPHERD FATIMA (Diploma and
Advanced Diploma in Philosophy/RS) MT HAGEN - BANZ JIWAKA

1. PASTORAL FORMATION - PASTORAL EXPERIENCE: TERAPO PARISH KEREMA DIOCESE
(pastoral formatter: Fr. Augustine Tomamia)

1. SPIRITUAL FORMATION ST.FIDELIS MADANG "WAISTING TIME/BEING WITH GOD"
(spiritual formatter Fr. Cyril)

2014-2016 THEOLOGY STUDY IN CTI BOM AND AT PORT MORESBY