

Moses Gende, VOCATION HISTORY

I entered the Minor Seminary at St. Fidelis College in Madang Province in 2008 as propaedeutic. It was run by the Capuchins. The minor seminary program was a two year program that is a propaedeutic and spiritual year. In 2009 I did my spiritual year.

I was recommended by the formators to continue on to philosophical studies, and under the sponsorship of my Bishop, in 2010 I attended Good Shepherd College in Mt. Hagen, Western Highlands Province. It was run by the Society of the Divine Word Missionary (SVD). I did my philosophical studies for three years (2010-2012) and graduated with the Advanced Diploma in Religious Studies.

In 2013 I came back to my diocese and did my pastoral for one year under the supervision of my vocation director. I engaged myself in secondary schools, teaching religious education, doing vocation awareness, and promoting in the diocese. Besides, I also received the acolyte ministry, so I visited sub-parishes doing communion services in absence of my parish priest. I enjoyed doing all these activities because I learned a lot through the experience. Under the recommendation of my pastoral supervisor I applied to my bishop to further continue on to theological studies, and I was accepted. I later applied to Catholic Theological Institute in Port Moresby, and I was also accepted.

In 2014 I came to Holy Spirit Seminary in Port Moresby and did my theological studies at the Catholic Theological Institute. This year, 2015, is my second year of theology, and I still have another year to complete all the studies as required by the seminary formation towards the priesthood. After completing everything, I will go back to my diocese and will be ordained deacon, and after deacon is the priesthood ordination. I am very content and happy to be a priest, and so I am looking forward to it.