

Introduction

Terence Tamir is my name, and I hail from Bogia in the Madang Province, Papua New Guinea as my place of origin. I come from a family of four, with three sisters and myself as the only male in the family. I was brought up, raised and baptised as a Roman Catholic by birth with the name Terence Tamir So-on. It is my pleasure that I would like to share with you my own personal life history. To choose a life that is worth living as a seminarian would be of roses, or some would think for themselves. But for me personally I'm very proud the life I have chosen since the beginning of my childhood years. The decision I make seems to be the greatest challenge for me and I am grateful for my beloved parents and those who contributed much towards my physical well-being, especially my material needs of life. However, I have finally come to realise that it is upon the one who created my being to make His final decision for me, and that is God himself, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And I thank God [the giver of life] for that precious life he had given me that I am living today and to Mother Mary for her prayers. And finally I thank my beloved families especially my mother and father who took this greatest responsibility as parents to care for my precious life.

Educational background and Stages of myself discovery.

Since my childhood years, one my greatest fantasy dreams was to become a pilot one day and fly a big airplane. In 1995 when I did my first grade, I was so much caught up in my own little world as a kid. And every time living among small peer groups or even at home with my families, the only response regarding what I was going to be later on in life was to be a pilot. After eight years had gone by I come to realise that there is something more that encourages me to really forget my childhood dream of becoming a pilot, and that is the vocation towards the priesthood. Because my childhood years were much influenced by being an altar boy. When I completed my eighth grade in 2002, all I could dream of was to become a seminarian. That wasn't easy for me at first because I was told to further my education studies to grade 10 so that I may be eligible to enroll into St. Fidelis Minor Seminary. That was the response I got from the vocation director as to continuing on with my studies.

It was in 2004 when I completed my tenth year of schooling and when I was accepted to continue my studied in Passam National High School. And after completing my twelfth year of education at Passam National High School I was accepted into St. Fidelis Minor Seminary in 2010. Now it is my 7th year of living a seminary life, and I have 2 more years to go in order to complete my priesthood study.

My personal Reflection about Seminary Life

Living in the Seminary has shaped me to be physically, spiritually, intellectually and pastorally fit in all areas of life. As a seminarian I feel I am totally different from the way I used to be. It means a lot for me to follow Jesus in a radical way of life or living an abnormal life rather than a normal life. There is nothing I can give back to appreciate that kind of life I am living today, here and now. Seminary life is unique when dealing with individual life personally. There is no better place than the seminary, which I can describe as heaven on earth. Growing up in that environment, I feel it is like a home to me. It is a home where my heart is.

Therefore as long as I am a seminarian I have to live as a seminarian because it is my home, the place that I come to discover my vocation in following God's Call. "Please pray for me"!!!!!!!

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