

Ignatius KESAPU

I am Seminarian Ignatius Kesapu. I come from Aona Catholic Parish in the Arch-Diocese of Rabaul in East New Britain, Papua New Guinea. The island of East New Britain is located along the equator. The climate is wet and dry which makes the environment admirable to any person who wants to visit the island. I was born in a family of five siblings including me. In the family there were four males, and we have a sister who was the first born in the family. Our parents were both subsistence famers. My father died on April 18, 2013. In the same year I was at Sacred Heart Inter-Diocesan Major Seminary Rapolo doing my fourth year of study in theology. The livelihood of my people was mainly based on subsistence farming. We have no cash crops, though we try to grow coffee; however, there is no means of transportation, which leads to the downfall of coffee. This is one of the main crops which grows mostly in cold areas of Papua New Guinea. It is one of the main cash crops in the Highlands Region.

My desire of becoming priest was not influenced by my parents or even my relatives. I feel the desire is something special deep within me which I never let go of. After completing my grade 10 in 2002, I stayed at home for about three years. This was 2003-2005. The desire was so strong that during the middle of 2005 I applied for Channel Minor Seminary, where I attended the following year (2006). From there I was able to continue on up until now when I am in Catholic Theological Institute doing my Theology Two courses (2015).