

Biography of Zachias Patrick Kilian

I was the third of seven children born into a poor and pious peasant family in Kapanda, a village in the Laigaim District in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea. It is one of the largest islands in the Pacific.

Personal Details:

December 29th 1980 - I was born at Kapandas Village.

February 1st 1983 - I was baptised in St. Paul and Peter Parish Wanepap. December 20th 1993 - I received first Holy Communion.

November 20th 1998 - I received Sacrament of Confirmation.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

2000 - Certificate in Basic Education (Taluma Community School, in Enga Province)

2004 - Certificate in High School Education (Surinki, Enga Province)

Higher School Certificate (Mt. Hagen Open Campus, Western Highland Province)

SEMINARY LIFE

2009 - Propaedeutic year at St Fidelis Minor Seminary (Madang Province).

2010-2012 - DIPLOMA & ADVANCE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES Good Shepherd Major Seminary (Banz - Jiwaka Province) Affiliated with Divine Word University-Madang. Major: Philosophy. After one year pastoral, I was enrolled at the Catholic Theological Institute (CTI) in 2014 - 2016, while living in Holy Seminary at Bomana, Port Moresby National Capital District. Currently, am doing final year theology studies.

VOCATION STORY

I was born in a family with faithful Catholic parents. They taught me the basic Catechism which they received from the early Divine Word Missionaries (SVD). My parents instructed all the children about the Catholic faith almost every night after dinner. Every Sunday, they took all the children to the Eucharist Celebration. All the Sundays, I went for the Mass, I usually saw only a white man priest was celebrating the Mass. However, one Sunday, I went to the Sunday Mass. Suddenly, I saw a black man was standing at the altar and celebrating Mass. It was the first time that I saw a black man celebrating the Eucharist. At that very moment, I was thinking of being like this local priest. Therefore, I decided to become a priest, and I entered into the seminary.

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