

Family Background

I was born to Boniface Jamo and Philomena Woki on 16 August 1982, at Raten village in Angoram District, East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. My village was situated in swampy grassland areas, some kilometers far in from the Mighty Sepik River.

My father is a Primary School Teacher; he received his formal education from the Australians before independence. He was one of the first Papua New Guinean teacher to teachers with the Australians before 1975. He continued on with his career after independence up until 1999, when he retired from the teaching service. My mother is a subsistence farmer; she has no form of education. There are eight of us in the family, five males and three females. All my sisters and three of my brothers have married, one decided to live a single life, and I am the last born in the family. None of my brothers and sisters have been employed by any Government Departments, Private Sectors or Companies. Though none of my brothers and sisters is working, they always struggle, and society is always there to assist my family to support me with financial assistance.

Educational Background

INSTITUTIONS	ACHIVEMENTS	YEARS
Catholic Theological Institute	Diploma in Religious Studies	2014-2015
Sacred Heart Secondary School- Hagita	Upper Secondary School Certificate	2012-2013
Angoram High School	School Certificate	2003-2004
Gavien Primary School	Certificated of Basic Education	2001-2002
Samban Community School	Primary Education Certificate	1995-2000

Vocation

At the age of 17 while doing my Grade 5 at Samban Community School in Angoram District, East Sepik Province, I felt the call of God in my life to serve Him, and it was on the 25th Sunday of the Ordinary Time, (19 September 1999). I put my vocation into practice in St. Gabriel Catholic Church-Raten, in Kambot Parish of Wewak Diocese. The first time I led the Sunday services, I had not received any formal training but was just instructed by (Leo Buop), a senior Church Animator, and I started off serving as an Assistant Church Animator. I did work as an Assistance Church Animator for Ten years (1999-2009) before entering into the Formation House in 2010.

Originally I am from the Catholic Diocese of Wewak in East Sepik Province, but I have decided and associate with the Catholic Diocese of Alotau-Sideia in Milne Bay Province. On January 2010, I entered St. Hannibal Formation Centre in Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish on Sideia Island, Alotau in Milne Bay Province of Papua New Guinea. I spent four years in doing my formation, two years in the Formation House (2010- 2011), and the other two years (2012-2013) upgrading my marks at Sacred Heart Secondary School- Hagita. From there I was selected by Bishop Rolando Santos from among my friends to continue my seminary formation at the Holy Spirit Seminary Major Seminary in Port Moresby.

I arrived in the Holy Spirit Seminary Major Seminary in February 2014 and did my first year of Religious Study at the Catholic Theological Institute. I proceeded on to the second year in 2015, and graduated with a Diploma in Religious Studies. Currently, I am in my third year and working for my Advanced Diploma in Religious Studies at the end of this academic year and also looking forward for my Spiritual Year at St. Fidelis Minor Seminary in Madang next year 2017.