

Mathew Pulo - MY VOCATION STORY

Mathew Pulo is my name, from the Catholic Diocese of Kavieng, New Ireland Province. I have journeyed for almost eight years in vocational discernment and formation programs. This year 2017, I am doing Theological studies year one at Catholic Theological Institute (CTI), Bomana.

In the family, we have eight siblings, and I am the first born. My father is a Catholic and my mother is the daughter of a United Church pastor. However, we were all baptized in the Catholic Church.

I felt the calling to this vocation when I was doing my grade five in the community school. During those days, Sunday school programs were really active in our church's community. I used to attend Sunday school. Also every evening the community used to recite rosary in the church where I used to attend. However, for me, I never really understood what was happening.

After my community school days, I continued for high school and attended Saint Jude Provincial High School, Mongop, in New Ireland Province; there the desire grew a little stronger. Then I made my decision to continue my studies in the minor seminary. So after doing my grade ten, I then continued to Saint Peter Chanel Minor Seminary, Ulapia, in East New Britain Province doing grades eleven and twelve. However, after grade twelve I had a disagreement with my cousins and my father; they didn't agree with my decision, so I went home, respecting what they decided on. But for me, I was not satisfied with their decision. Anyway I stayed home for three years, but after spending six months at home I was employed and worked with a company. Still the satisfaction of being employed didn't interest me, so I quit the company and went home.

After a year, I decided to reapply to the vocation director, so I did and was accepted in 2009 to continue my formation year. I thank God with a prayerful heart because God worked mysteriously in different situations in my life. A vocation is not something to be forced, but it is a response to Jesus. And through experiences or situations experienced in life, God is there calling you. And this has helped and encourages me to come this far.

Thank you, God, for those moments which you have carried me through. Therefore I pray that God will continue to guide and enrich my life to pursue my vocation.

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