

## Caspar Valu - MY VOCATION STORY

My vocation began when I was in my mother's womb for nine months. I then was born on the 27th October 1975.

Secondly, when I was doing grade three in the year 1986, a MSC priest went to our school and celebrated the mass with us. When I saw him during the consecration, I really wanted to be like him.

Furthermore, when I first received Holy Communion in the year 1988 it gave me more and more inspiration to a priestly vocation. I also ask more questions to my family members and also my teachers at school about being a priest. My father told me that to be a priest you must go to the church every day, pray all the time and go to school every day. You must always listen to your teachers, work hard, and be good at all times.

After completing grade six in the year 1989, I was selected to Palmalmal High School. In the years 1990 to 1993 I completed grade ten. While at Palmalmal High School I met the vocation director of the Franciscans. There I got his address and I contacted him.

After three years in the village doing other things, in the year 1999 I was accepted and went for formation studies until 2006. I then went home for some reason. I was employed by Hargy Oil Palm Company, as a supervisor and a pay master for two years. I then wrote to the Patrician brothers, and I went for the formation in the year 2009 to 2013.

While in the formation, doing pastoral work, like visiting people, bringing the Holy Communion to the old and the sick people, leading Sunday service, teaching CRE in to the school children, and giving recollection to the brothers, praying as the leader of eucharistic ministers, and preparing people for the sacraments. I saw the real need; people need a priest to administer the sacrament.

I then asked the provincial of the Patrician brothers to leave in the year 2013. Then I asked the vocation director of Kimbe Diocese, and I was accepted and in the year 2014 and 2015 I was at St. Fidelis Seminary doing the propaedeutic program. Then in the year 2016 I went to Putput Diocesan Formation Centre.

Finally, I am here at CTI, and I am willing to study, and I pray that one day I would be a priest. I am also praying for those who were helping me and those who will be helping me, in any small or big ways. I personally believe that God will do the rest, if this call is from God.