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I was born in 1989 in a small village call Bolo, Kaliai Parish, Kimbe, West New Britain province, and my District is Glouster. We come from a tribe called the Akivlik tribe, which means, the foundation of the clan in this area. I come from a subsistence farmer family. My father had a two brothers so including him, they were three in the family, and he is the first born in their family. In my mother's family also there were three of them also, one male and two female, and my mother is also the first born in the family.

In my own family we were eight in the family, with three female and five male, so in the family I was the second born in the family. And when I was born and growing up, my mother told me that my health is not good. I always sick, crying and making them not having good rest. My parents were always sacrificing themselves to bring me to the hospital by walking for 24 hours in two ways. So when I was two years old my father attend one of the catechist colleges in Kiniginuan in Rabaul East New Britain Province, and we were there for two years while he studied to become Catechist. After he completed his studies, we came back home in 1995. So my Father is a catechist, and when I was growing up he always helped me with good understanding to know and to understand well the Catholic Faith.

So when I grew up and between the age of nine and ten, this is where I started my grade 1-6 at Salkei Primary School in 1998-2003, and continued on to 7-8 in 2004-05. So I continued on my grade 9-12 in 2006-2009. After completing my grade 12 I saw that I was not satisfied with one of my courses, so I'm attended Kimbe Open Campus to up grade this course in 2010. When I was still doing the upgrade I received a pamphlet for Diocesan Priest vocation, so it come to my mind that my father is catechist, so as I'm his son, and I should become a priest. In that sense I started to make my own decisions. So when I finished my course and went back home, I felt that the desire of becoming priest was so strong within me that quietly I told my parents about it. When they knew about it, they supported me, so I started to find a person who could accompany me and could help me to write my interest letter, but no one could help me. Therefore I myself walked about 5 km to find one of my brother Priest, Fr John Bosco Auram. So he guided me in my writing and sent my interest letter. So I was happy that I was accepted in 2011.

And in 2012 I started my Formation at Lannuzel Formation house in the North Baining area Rabaul East New Britain Province. When I arrived in school, at first I was totally confused about what to do, but I learned from others and also from the Priest who was in charge of the formation house. After two weeks I started to know and understand the situation, and adapted to it..

And in the middle of the month or year, thats where I really know and intune with the programs, After completing my one year formation I continue on to my Philosophy studies at Sacred Heart Major Seminary Rapolo in 2013-2014, also it is new environment for me also, because so many priests and lecturer and also many student there, but I always say within myself that, this what I'm search for, so I must do the best that I'm become like them, but still I have done well in my studies, and I really thank God for that.

After that in 2015 I was sent by my Bishop to St Fidelis, Cap, in Mandang province for my spiritual year. Therefor I have face many hardships and challenges in my spiritual life, but still I avoid and face the challenges until I completing my spiritual year successfully and return home peacefully and with a good spiritual formation.

After all my hardship through those past years, my Bishop was very kind to me, so in this present year 2016, I Was now in Bomana Holy Spirit Seminary, and to continue on for my third year of Religious study. So I trust myself that I'm going to complete all my studies in Bomana, but not in my own strength, but the strength of God, which guide and care for me. As I complete this year with good result, than next year will be my pastoral year. So God is always there and with us always to inspire, help me, but my responsibility to say yes to him and take him as my best friend to walk with and always think of him through my Life.