

Theodore Amsim

I am seminarian Theodore Amsim. I was born on the 31st of August, 1988, and I am a diocesan candidate from the Catholic Diocese of Kimbe, Papua New Guinea. This year, 2017, I am doing my studies (Theology 2) to the priesthood at the Catholic Theological Institute, Port Moresby. And by the end of next year, 2018, I will be completing my studies which will be my final year of academic formation.

Back in my childhood days, my mom and dad had to look after me and my younger siblings. I was fortunate to have my mom and dad who are simple villagers full of wisdom, and who are very committed and dedicated Catholic Christians and are active members of the Legion of Mary. At this time are still alive. I was the second born out of seven in the family; I received the sacrament of Baptism from the holy parish priest of ours by the name of Fr. Raphael Baidu, a Trinitarian priest from Africa. Out of what I have seen from my parents and my parish priest, I came to realize the beginnings of my vocation.

My parents are models of virtue; they love each other deeply. And that love overflows to us their children. My parents taught me how to pray with my brothers and sisters; they gave strong discipline advice that we must be good all the times. They also taught the basic understanding about our Catholic faith, the knowledge of knowing Christ, through his word, through good deeds, and more so through the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

All these they kept on imparting to me, until I received my first Holy Communion on Holy Thursday Night, the feast of the Passover of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was in my Primary Schooling times in my own parish. I had the inspiration and inner feeling or desire that truly, the Lord invited called or invited me to his sacrificial table, and to the priesthood.

Some times in my journey I could feel that sense of vocation through my little prayers, works, attending masses, leading liturgies, serving as an altar boy, helping out my parents' requests, etc. I never told anybody about what I felt.

Going to high school, the feeling, desire, and a call of becoming a Diocesan priest became stronger in me. I keep on praying over it, that the Lord truly called me. After completing my grade 10 exams, I shared the story with my parents & parish priest who could assist me along, and He advised me to write and apply to the Diocesan Bishop about that.

After my high school times, I was accepted to continue my upper secondary studies at St. Peter Chanel Minor Seminary at Kokopo, Papua New Guinea, to do grades 11 & 12. After two years in the minor seminary, I applied for one year continuation of formation, then to Major Seminary which is two years of academic formation - at the Sacred Heart Inter-Diocesan Major Seminary - Rapolo, Kokopo PNG. Then out again for one year spiritual year of formation. Thank God that I am now coming almost to the ending part of my formation to the priesthood at Holy Spirit Seminary, Bomana, to complete my two years of academic and spiritual formation.