

Vincent NGAMANGA

My name is Vincent Ngamanga from the Archdiocese of Rabaul, East New Britain Province, in Papua New Guinea. I am the first born in the family and have only one sister, only two of us. This is how I was inspired to come to the seminary to study for the priesthood.

When I was a little child, I used to sit in front during masses every Sunday and see the priests celebrating mass. I admired them and wanted to be like them one day. During my primary days of schooling, our teachers used to ask us, "What sort of person do you want to be in the future?" Without hesitation I would always write the word priest in a small paper and give it to him or her privately, while all my class mates would call out loudly what they aimed for in life.

In 2006 I entered Vuna Bosco Secondary School, run by the Salesians of Don Bosco. I did my grades nine up to grade twelve, and in 2009 I graduated and applied as a candidate to the diocesan seminary. In 2010 I entered the formation year preparing myself for my journey into my studies and spiritual life. From 2011 to 2012 I did my two years of philosophy in the Sacred Heart Inter-Diocesan seminary Rapolo in East New Britain, and in 2013 I did my spiritual year.

After my spiritual year I went for the continuation of my third year of studies at the Catholic Theological Institute in Bomana, Port Moresby, the city centre of Papua New Guinea. Currently I am doing my first year of theology, and I still have another two or three more years before completing my studies to the priesthood.

I continue to pray, work, and wait in hope for the time of my ordination as deacon and as a priest.