

## Edward J. Dawan's Vocation Story

Christians all around the world are suffering because there's not enough religious personnel to educate them and nourish their faith. Christians are born with a domestic understanding of prayer life (Family Devotion) and some not at all. I discover this when I attend church services; sometimes a Priest, Catechizers, Communion Ministers and the front lines of the congregation in rural areas are not there. We usually do veneration to Mary or sing a song, do a scripture reading and go back home.

Facing that crisis in the society, my family and I never give up encouraging people and attending to their needs and sharing what we know about Christ. We also cared for the sick until death, even rescued souls on the road, and we buried the dead. By carrying out voluntary work out of love, we were able to realize to See, Judge and act with a pure intention without reward. We visited sites like (Blessed Peter To Rot's Places) and attended a huge occasion.

Serving others has helped me to become a fruitful and responsible person in life. I continue the mission as Extra Ordinary Minister in my Parish known as Holy Name of Jesus (Bomana) for about four years under the supervision of the Congregation of the Missionaries (CM). Ministering around the sub-chapels I saw a need for priestly life. By having that mission in mind I ignored further studies and even work. I struggled making a garden, doing marketing for the day, and looking after poetry. The true source of happiness comes from Christ and minding the call I have.

I come across many challenges and experience involving hardship, trying all sorts of ways to help myself and the people around me, in times of flood, drought and in sickness. Because I involved with unemployment, working class, full time students, and drop outs from school. All my aim is to motivate them in the chapel and at the parish level to avoid taking drugs and experiencing depression, so that they could grow with a Christian faith and have a happy life in the future.

Having this call, I value people so much, and vice versa they value me in other ways. Crossing boundaries, mountains, valleys, rivers and sea which spears my heart to treasure Christ in people. The works of mercy, evangelizing, and bringing Christ to them motivates, challenges and gives me moral support through many experiences in the domestic, community and world as a whole.

I dedicate this call to my family, and especially one to my father and mother (deceased), because of their tireless effort and guidance. They give us strict orders and rules to follow in our domestic prayer life (Family Devotion) and looking after us in terms of our health, household needs and wants, and protection by fulfilling their roles and responsibility as parents. They have inspired and motivated me to where I am now.

To be a strong and mature human being, first you must face challenges and experience some difficulty in life before you carry your cross so that you won't fall off the cliff or in the deep blue sea were you will drown forever. On the other side of the world, where no man is an island, always share your problems with Christ in the Blessed Sacraments during mass time and the crucifix. Whoever reads this text I value you in my HEART. May God richly bless you. Thank you.