

I am Gregory Lavut, the son of Albert Lavut and Antonia Wartak. I was born on the 1st of November 1995 and was baptized on December 15 of the same year. I am the first born of five children, two girls and three boys. I come from a family where we value so much prayer and Sunday masses, and I feel that God is calling me to serve in his church as a priest.

During my childhood I never had the thought of entering a seminary. When I was still a little boy my parents taught me the prayers of the church. As I grew up I knew my prayers by heart. I can still remember in 2006 when I received my first holy communion. It was also the time that I started to serve as an altar boy. My parish priest was Fr Boniface Holz MSC from Germany. He was really the person I was admiring. He was a prayerful and committed priest. He celebrates the Eucharist every day and visits families in the villages. His greatest service to my people inspires me also to do the same. For me I want to become a Catholic priest because I want serve Christ in his church or his people, to be holy and to make the people holy.

After completing grade 12, in 2017 I entered Sacred Heart Seminary, Rapolo in East New Britain Province. From 2017 to 2018 I underwent the propaedeutic program. These two years are basically for discernment of the vocation to the priesthood. It was also a time for me to deepen my relationship with the Lord in prayer and learning.

In 2019 I did my spiritual year at St. Fidelis Seminary, Madang. The spiritual year is a canonical year given by the church purposely to grow in the spiritual life before doing religious studies. It was the year that I tried to organize my prayer life in a more personal way. I spent more time doing reflection, spiritual reading, and direction. This year, 2020, is my first year of doing Philosophy. I am happy and open to be guided by the formators of Holy Spirit Seminary.

With God's grace this year will be a fruitful year for us and for the good of the church.