

VICTOR KALI CSMA

My name is Victor Kali, and I come from Western Highlands Province, P.N.G. I am the second born in the family. Both of my parents are from Western Highlands Province, and we are seven in the family: four boys and three girls. My father is a teacher, and my mother is a nurse. I love their work because their work is a ministry that they help people. However, most of the time we lived with our mother because our father was moving from here and there in search of work. From my childhood, I did not have any desire of going to the seminary, but gradually, when I was an altar boy, my desire for priesthood was growing in me.

My vocation started when I was an altar boy. I was really inspired as an altar boy serving priests, and from there I felt God's calling in my life. As I helped my parish priest to carry his bag for pastoral activities. I told him about my vocation. Thence, my parish priest encouraged me to pray and trust in the Lord. With the help of my parish priest, Fr. Joseph Pekela, a Michaelite priest from the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel (CSMA), I started to write to the Michaelites.

I was delightful and excited to join the Michaelites, so finally I was accepted to do my postulant programme. Therefore, after completing my grade 12, I went for my postulant program in 2018 at Michaelite formation house in W.H.P., P.N.G. In 2019, it was a joyous moment for me because I had passed the entry exam to St. Fidelis Seminary out of four students. I was the fortunate one to go to St. Fidelis Minor Seminary, Madang, P.N.G. My seminary life in Madang was quite challenging due to the hot climate in which malaria was the common sickness, and I also had dental problem with my tooth. However, with self-dedication and the grace of God, in 2020 I finished from Minor seminary. Thus, this year 2021 I am doing my first philosophical year at Catholic Theological Institute in Bomana, NCD.