

MY VOCATION STORY

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What is discernment? Well, discernment is when we discover in prayer how God wishes us to act. To begin the story about my vocation, well, it all started when I was a child at the age of seven. I was born on the 11th February in 1987 and, got baptized on Easter Sunday two weeks after my birth. I have a brother and a sister and myself. Unfortunately, before my mother died, I was the first child to whom she gave birth, without a biological father, unlike my two younger ones. The world was against me as I was getting through rocky years as a teenager.

I was lucky enough to go to school like all other kids from my age. At the end of the day I had to do extra duties in order to comfort my emotions and escape the threat of so called self-pity because I was an adopted child. When I reached my adolescence stage I started making decisions that can make me happy and satisfied. Still, on the other hand, I could feel that the current was too strong, and that I could not escape the burden of my family expectations.

However in 2016 I did my first year in Rapolo Seminary in Rabaul, East New Britain province. At the end of the formation program I was not qualified to continue because I had to submit my Grade 12 certificate. I stayed out two years to complete my education and return under the disgrace [I suspect "disgrace" is not the word you meant to use, but I don't know what you might have meant instead. Please check] of His Eminence Bishop Cardinal Sir John Ribbat MSC. After having had these experiences, I feel that God is still calling me to be an instrument of His Word after by showing me everything the world is made up of, but they are not justifying any form of happiness that I was dreaming of. He thought that the only happiness in life is to become the voice of the voiceless and the servant of His people. Therefore now I am very happy to be a seminarian, doing my studies to become a priest for the Lord of the One whom I call upon my Father with all my heart, and I have no regrets if it is according to His will - let it be done as You speak. To conclude I want to extend my word of appreciation to my former formatters for the success of my primitive days in the seminary. They have taken my hand to face the sun. Still standing at my side is His Eminence Bishop Cardinal Sir John Ribbat MSC, and all those missionaries with whom I have spent some time in the course of spiritual direction. May our heavenly Father continue to bless and strengthen their ministry in life. Finally I thank my mother, the late Ms. Clare Unea for the great effort she has dedicated in prayer to who I am today. Amen.