

My Vocation Story

I am Rudolf Pamat from Pomio parish under the Archdiocese of Rabaul. I come from a family of six siblings, three boys and three girls. I am the second born, and I was born on the 26th of August, 1995. My father's name is Vincent Pamat and my mother's name is Medline Matkale. She died in 2013. Both are subsistent farmers. However, they are well educated, and they taught us many good things (advice) about how to live our lives and our spiritual life. They taught us how to pray the Holy Rosary as we were growing up. Our favorite devotion is the Holy Rosary. So my family is a good practicing Catholic family.

To be specific about myself, I developed the interest or desire to become priest when still a child. That was my dream/goal. As a child, beginning to discover and reason things out, I viewed the priesthood as the only beautiful vocation in this world. My parents knew it, and they were encouraging me. Also, I was influenced by my parish priest who was one of the old German Missionary priests (MSC) to our area. On his visits to our out station for the sacraments, he used to mingle around with the children, which was very beautiful and also inspiring.

Furthermore, as I grew older, I had many challenges to my dream. The common one is the clergy sex scandals. As a grown up intending to become a cleric, I met up with this issue. It really shook my faith and my desire of becoming a priest. Therefore, after my primary and secondary studies I deliberately changed my aim. I wanted to become an electrical engineer, but it didn't work out that way. Luckily, I failed my grade twelve physics, so that I would come to the seminary, a year later. So, in 2017, I entered the seminary program where I resumed my original aim. I didn't inform any of my family members nor relatives. They were amazed when they found out a week later. However, they respect my decision/choice as they continue to support me.

The priest that I admired the most and who really influenced me is Fr. John Aranda Cabrido, SBD. He formed and taught me in the seminary which has changed my character and gave me the right perception of the priesthood of Christ in this world. He is also the best teacher I ever had.

Therefore, to outline my vocation story, I started my education with grade one in 2004 and graduated from grade twelve in 2015. In 2017, I entered the seminary program, and from 2018 to 2019, I did my initial formation or Propaedeutic stage in Sacred Heart Inter-Diocesan Seminary, Rapolo. Then in 2020, I did my Spiritual Year/Canonical Spiritual Year in St. Fidelis Minor Seminary, Kap in Madang. And now (2021), I am doing my first year Philosophy here in Catholic Theological Institute, Bomana, Holy Spirit Major Seminary.

All in all, I am totally convinced that God is calling me to the priesthood, after much prayer and discernment. Thus the reason or objective of becoming a priest is because I love Jesus and am willing to do His will, to serve him wherever he wants me to be. Besides, I want to become the type of priest that this world needs today, through the will of God.

May God Bless my family, formators and my generous benefactors.