

VOCATION STORY

My name is Michael DIDIULOSI born in 11/11/1995, Boiou village on the North Coast of Misima Island in Milne Bay Province. My interest of becoming a missionary began when I was in high school, (grade 9). I was inspired by two young Charity Nuns from my local area during their return to our place for their vacation holidays.

Having conversations with them, I wanted to really find out what is all about religious and the people who live their lives to follow the Charisms in the particular religious group were they belong to. I continued on my formal education and completed my grade twelve and after graduating I met with a missionaries group of Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus community (RCJ) on the 14th of December, 2020. They were on my island for the vocation visit which was organized by Fr. Henry Ramos superior, Fr. Welbert Suarez, Assistant priest and also Vocation Director for the Diocese of Alotau, and three of the Brothers. I had a talk with the assistant priest and expressed my interest of joining any religious group that lives the Charism of running hospitals and care for the sick because my interest was to study and become a nurse.

On February 12th, 2021, I left my place and traveled to Alotau town. On the 24th I met up with Fr. Wilbert. Suarez in Alotau town and he spoke to me about visiting Our Lady Of The Sacred Parish Sideia, which RCJ missionaries were assign for a mission in the Diocese...! I was really convinced and made up my mind to take up the opportunity to give a trial to experience life in the religious. The next day, the 25th of February, I traveled to Sideia and on Palm Sunday, 11th of April 2021, I was accepted as an RCJ candidate to discern in St. Hannibal's Discernment Center. I found my life was very challenging in many situations from the present environment which I was trying to adjust myself into. I was trying to let go, but I thank God for the experiences and challenges of St. Paul's life, that always reminds and encourages me a lot, (2Cor, 12:10). This scripture always comes into my mind when I feel weak in my vocation life.

However, I came to grow more interested in learning new things after all the challenges in the formation. Socializing with the people in different cultures and language backgrounds made me eager to learn and to know more about the world. I completed my one year come and see program and at the end of the year I was sent home for Christmas vacation, in December 17. I was at my home on the island of Misima and on 23rd I engaged myself with the parish priest program for Christmas pastoral and traveled with him to every 14 mass centers in the Parish, it was so exciting for me because I had a part to do in the program which I promoted vocation and give talk to the community after the mass,..which really inspired me, and I left feeling like I am somebody in the field now, doing something that can be challenging for me but also very interesting to me because I never experienced such things before, especially talking in public, this is one of the moments in my life experience, speaking in public like an expert in building community development, probably not, but I was inspired by the spirit to speak as a new young person growing in the faith of Christ.

I continued on the pastoral up until December 31st. I received the text message on 01/01/22 from Fr Henry Ramos {RCJ, superior) that I would have to travel to Alotau town and to Port Moresby as soon as possible before the 21st of February. When I returned to my home I stayed with my family only for an hour and left them again because I didn't have enough time to stay due to transportation problems. I left my island home on 22nd January to Alotau town and left my home province on the 26th with the company of my three colleagues, including the assistant priest from RCJ community, to Port Moresby and on 8th of February, I began first year of Philosophy studies in the Catholic Theological Institution, Bomana, Port Moresby.