

VOCATION STORY

My name is Roland Sokap. I am a Diocesan Seminarian of the Diocese of Vanimó. I believe God began to fashion my heart to enter seminary long before I was aware. As a young child the Lord blessed me with two wonderful parents who raised me in a good, faith-filled Catholic home. At this time the thought of priestly life never entered my mind, although, for as long as I can remember.

When I was in primary school doing grade 4 in 2009, I started serving the altar as Altar boy. Perhaps this was the beginning of my vocation quest. Not knowing what else to do, I spent 7 years serving at the altar of the Lord. Putting my trust in him strengthened my faith. As he held me close, our relationship grew.

During my secondary schooling years I was happy, and life was good. I was busy with study and church activities. I enjoyed spending time with my friends/family but still something was missing. One day I had the opportunity to attend a retreat at Saint John Marie Vianney Minor Seminary (Vanimó). The retreat master (priest) preached beautifully about the beauty of the priesthood. Really it was an inspiring and heart touching moment. On that note, I completed my grade 10 in 2015 at Don Bosco Secondary School (Vanimó) with much enthusiasm to enter the seminary. So with the help of the late Bishop Alphons, I entered the Saint John Marie Vianney Minor Seminary in 2016 in order to discern my vocation well and see what the good Lord wanted from me. With this I have nothing much to say, because I am still discerning.