

David Andrew

During my education in secondary levels I had never known anything about the formation of the seminarian or priest. However, in 2015, one of the priests visited at our secondary school, and we, some of the school boys, met with him for an hour. He told us about his life being a priest. He was an assistant vocation director at that time. He explained to us the purpose for gathering, and he gave us vocation talks and the vocation director's address number, saying, "Write to me if you are interested to be a future Priest." During that time I was doing grade 10, so I held onto the address almost two years. Then, in 2016, I wrote the letter of interest to the vocation office of the Diocese of Mendi. I am originally from Hela Province. I went to several seminaries' formation. I started at St. Fidelis Seminary (SFS), Madang Province from 2017 to 2019. I was shifted to Good Shepherd Seminary (GSS) I did major philosophical studies in Jiwaka Province, at the Banz Fatima academic arena, in 2020-2022. That has been so long, but joyfully I completed my academic years. After that, in regards to a diocesan pastoral plan I was assigned a year of pastoral work with parish priest in 2023. In 2024 I am just beginning the theological studies. Many numbers of years is to come to. Completion at Catholic Theological Institute (CTI), Bomana Port Moresby. Lord here I am alone to answer Your call in my life. To be a priest means God's messenger for those who have not heard you.