

Theme: Inner-Call of Love

I am Seminarian Isaac Joseph from Sacred Heart Parish-Wurup in the Archdiocese of Mt Hagen. I am a diocesan candidate doing Forth Year theology studies here in Catholic Theological Institution-Bomana. I would like to tip you to the toes about how I met my sweetie.

When I was at the upper primary (Wurup Primary School), I was engaged with someone who would write my good biography of my life. Her attraction and attentions changed the subject of my life. I made up my choices to love someone. I admired her more than every existence that breathes and lives here on this planet. Her single smile caused my heart to bleed at every second of my life.

Besides, I planned ahead to be a true loving child of our Blessed Virgin Mother by taking a rosary with me everywhere. Also I heard the story of our Blessed Virgin Mary. It really strengthens my whole life. I love her more than anything else.

Moreover, my father, named Joseph, was a communion minister. He was the best friend of Fr. Gabi, our parish priest. He spent his quality times with Fr. Gabi. But once when Fr. Gabi decided to move to the other parishes, he gave him a sleeping bag as his memory to him. My father took that sleeping bag and kept it in the cage. One fine evening during our supper time he prayed to God, "Use one of my children to become your shepherd to look after your flocks. He opened his heart and mind and dedicated all his children to God.

His expressions changed my whole life. I mean, when I pass through the dark valley of my life, the call grew too big, and it was difficult to avoid these challenges. I keep pressing through with the rosary. Therefore, the rosary is one of powerful prayer.

In the layers of seminary, I find it difficult to give up my priesthood vocation. It is a call of God to my life. It is like a burning flame within my heart. I find it really painful to give up or make other critical choices to my life. This call changes my entire life. Now am overflowing with joy when I am in Holy Spirit Seminary, because this is my place for me to meet my everlasting life (Priesthood).

Now I realize that the vocation is like my engagement. I am not a free man, but I have someone very special who is still caring for me for almost ten consecutive years. I keep persisting on asking God with a prayerful heart, "When will you make me available to meet my love, which is the Church.

Amen!

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