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My vocation began within my family as I grew up through life's stages. In my life, I put God as my priority and education as my second priority and others things in life. During my primary level of education, I told my mother that I wanted to become a priest, but she told me that I should have a grade 12 certificate before joining the priesthood formation. Years passed, and I was successful enough to complete my upper secondary level and graduated with a Grade 12 Certificate. My dad wished for me to be an evangelist in the future but I told him that I would like to be a priest one day.

Knowing that it was against the will of my father, I applied to join the seminary. I told my dad that I really don't have the courage, dream, love, and most of all, the interest of the career that he suggested for me. I said, "Dad, I don't have the qualities to qualify me to be an evangelist. It is my heart's desire for me to be a priest," bearing in my mind the thought of my having no greater glory elsewhere on earth than having Jesus Christ as my God and Savior.

With the love and grace of God, I am starting my formation program as one of the candidates of the Vincentian congregation at Holy Spirit Seminary. This year 2025, I am doing my first year of Philosophy at Catholic Theological Institute, Bomana, Papua New Guinea.