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1. PRELIMINARIES:

Dec 24, 1983: Born, at Mukura, Ngora District, to Okongel Francis and Atim Stella Rose.

Nov 18, 1984: Baptized, at St. Joseph's Parish, Ngora, by Rev. Fr. Charles Oedo.
Inf. Reg. No. 29236.

Sep 02, 1998: Confirmed, at St. Joseph's Parish, Ngora, by Msgr. Leonard Elungat.

Jan 19, 2013: Ordination to the Diaconate, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Soroti Catholic Diocese; by the Most. Rev. Emmanuel Obbo, AJ.

Aug 17, 2013: Ordination to the Priesthood, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Soroti Catholic Diocese; by the Most. Rev. Emmanuel Obbo, AJ.

2. EDUCATION:

2011-2013: **MA., Religious and Theological Studies.**

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, KAMPALA.

(St. Mary's National Seminary Ggaba, Affiliation)

Research Thesis: *The right to Religious Freedom: Its Existential Praxis in the Promotion of Religious Education in Educational Institutions in Ngora Parish, Soroti Catholic Diocese.*

(Award Grade: CGPA: 4.95).

2009-2013: **BA., Sacred Theology.**

PONTIFICAL URBANIANA UNIVERSITY, ROME.

(St. Mary's National Seminary Ggaba, Affiliation)

Final Exam Major: *Moral Theology.*

(*Summa Cum Laude*).

2009-2013: **DIP., Theology.**

ST. MARY'S NATIONAL SEMINARY GGABA, KAMPALA.

Exegetical Thesis: *The Question of Truth in the Gospel of John 18: 38.*

(*First Class Honors*).

2005-2008: **BA., Social and Philosophical Studies with Education.**

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY, KAMPALA.

(St. Thomas Aquinas National Seminary Katigondo, Affiliation)

Research Thesis: *The Contribution of John Dewey's Educational Philosophy to Teaching and Learning in Educational Institutions in Ngora Parish.*

(*First Class Honors*).

- 2002-2003: TESO COLLEGE ALOET, SOROTI.
Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education.
(Award Grade: A, 17 Points),
2nd Prize Best Arts Student in Soroti District.
- 1998-2001: ST. PETER'S SEMINARY MADERA, SOROTI.
Uganda Certificate of Education.
(Award Grade: *Division I*).

3. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

- 2022-Present: Formator/ Lecturer at Uganda Martyrs' National Seminary, Alokolum, c/o Uganda Episcopal Conference; Courses: *Contemporary Philosophy I, Contemporary Philosophy II, Political Philosophy, Philosophical Methodology II.*
Member of the Finance Committee, Uganda Martyrs' National Seminary, Alokolum, c/o Office of the Rector.
- 2013-2017: Dean of Studies, St. Peter's Seminary Madera, Soroti Catholic Diocese; Teacher of English and Latin, St. Peter's Seminary Madera, Soroti Catholic Diocese; Ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, St. Peter's Seminary Madera, Soroti Catholic Diocese.

4. PASTORAL/ ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

- 2022-Present: Associate Priest of St. Peter The Apostle Parish, Olio.
- 2021-2022: Parochial Administrator, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Acumet.
- 2019-2020: Vice Chancellor, Soroti Catholic Diocese;
Bishop's Private Secretary, Soroti Catholic Diocese;
Assistant Vocation's Director, Soroti Catholic Diocese.
- 2017-2019: Parochial Vicar, St. Augustine's Parish, Mukongoro.
- 2015-2016: Parochial Vicar, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Koloin.
- 2014-2017: Assistant Vocation's Director, Soroti Catholic Diocese.

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- 2011 "Ggaba Academic Conscience". An academic presentation during the Academic Convocation to inaugurate the new academic-formation year at St. Mary's National Seminary, Ggaba.
- 2012 "Youth and the Year of Faith: A Closer Look at the Drama of Faith and Hope!" Power point presentation during the Y.C.S Inter-Institutional Conference at St. Mary's National Seminary, Ggaba.
- 2014 "Seminary Formation in the times of an Educational Emergency". An academic presentation during the first Academic Convocation to inaugurate the new academic-formation year at St. Peter's Seminary, Madera.

6. PUBLISHED ARTICLES:

- 2013 "A New Age for Priestly Humility: From the Classroom to the Grassroots." Article in the 2013 Ggaba Researcher Magazine; St. Mary's National Seminary, Ggaba.

2022 “A case of Promoting Young Vocations in Acumet Parish, Soroti Diocese.”
Article in the 2022 Star Herald Magazine; Uganda Martyrs’ National Seminary, Alokolum.

2022 Article with Catholic News Agency:
<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250242/from-denver-to-uganda-st-joseph-facilitates-an-unexpectedconnection>

2022 Podcast to the article with Catholic News Agency:
[https://soundcloud.com/cnanewsroom/ep-125-from-colorado-to-africa-saint-joseph-makes-an-unexpected-connection?](https://soundcloud.com/cnanewsroom/ep-125-from-colorado-to-africa-saint-joseph-makes-an-unexpected-connection?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing)
[utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing](https://soundcloud.com/cnanewsroom/ep-125-from-colorado-to-africa-saint-joseph-makes-an-unexpected-connection?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing)

7. PUBLIC ASSOCIATIONS:

Soroti Diocesan Priests’ Association (SODIPA).

Young Vocations of Acumet (YVA).

Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization (CREDO), *Online*.

Apostoli Viae – Sojourner, *Online*.

Magis Center – Credible Catholic, *Online*.