

Autobiographical Essay

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Instructions: Use this form to write your autobiographical essay.

You need to describe your childhood, education, volunteer experiences, and church involvement including a statement of personal religious faith, your calling to the Christian ministry, summary of ministry experience and an assessment of personal qualifications and gifts for ministry. On top of that, you need to provide a brief statement of your Christian testimony and explain your view of God and how your faith is evident in your life.

My name is Onesphore NZAJISENGA Onesphore. I was born and grew up in poor family. In my family, we were eight children. Both my parents were farmers. It was very hard for us to find food for eating. My mother was a Christian in Catholic church she liked praying. I also used to go to every morning mass when I was in primary school. Due to the fact that I liked studying, I performed very well at school and could not go beyond third place in my class. My future aspiration was to become a priest so that I could help my family earn better living conditions. At the end of primary six, I sat for both national primary leaving examinations and Seminary ones. I passed both of them chose to pursue my secondary studies in seminary. Unfortunately, I did not finish my studies due to the lack of school fees.

Living in such a miserable condition, I decided to leave my family and go to do housework. There, I got salvation and converted to ADEPR Church.

After some years, I went back home and started serving the Lord. I devoted my time praying, singing, helping visitors, and helping children in Sunday school.

I became secretary - Accountant and evangelist. God promised me to serve him even abroad.

I got married and spent ten years without children! It was really a sad story but with prayers and God's promise upon me, we have now two children. Finally, I was ordained as a pastor. From that time up to now, I have led five different chapels in a parish.

Believing in Jesus Christ my personal savior has turned my sorrow to happy and hopeful life. With God's promise and special purpose upon my life, I am serving him. This pushes me to apply for studying at UWMF ~~so~~ as to increase knowledge and skills which help me in my calling and ministry.