



Most Reverend Bishop Kolio T. Etuale Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago

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Personal Information:

Name: Most Rev. Kolio T. Etuale
Date of Birth: March 17, 1973.
Place of Birth: Moto'otua Hospital, Apia, Samoa
Parents: Tumanuvao Etuale Felise of Lotofaga, Father
Maniva Palala, Mother (deceased) of Moata'a Samoa
Siblings: 1 sister and 4 brothers
Adopted Parents: Tumanuvao Kelekolio Tumanuvao & Monika Etuale of Iliili, American Samoa
Siblings: 2 sisters and 4 brothers
Baptism: St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Lotofaga, Samoa
Confirmation: St. Paul VI Parish in Iliili, American Samoa

Ordination:

April 29, 2023: Installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
November 4, 2022: Episcopal Ordination as the 3rd Bishop of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
Principal Consecrator – Most Rev. Bishop Peter H. Brown CS.s.R
Co-Consecrator – His Excellency Most Rev. Novatus Rugambwa,
Apostolic Delegate
Co-Consecrator – The Most Rev. Archbishop Peter Ching Loy Chong
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Suva, Fiji
August 4, 2022: Coadjutor Bishop, Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago selected by Pope Francis
May 29, 2003: Ordained as a Priest of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago by the Most Rev. Bishop
J. Quinn Weitzel at the Holy Family Cathedral at Fatuaiga

Education:

2020 - 2023: Doctor of Ministry (DMin)
Doctor of Ministry Program, Student at Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict Oregon
1999 - 2003: Master of Divinity (MDiv)
Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Oregon
1994 - 1999: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Philosophy
Mt. Angel Seminary, St. Benedict, Oregon
1992 - 1994: American Samoa Community College
1989 - 1992: Marist High School, Malaeloa, Am. Samoa High School Diploma

Priestly Ministry:

April 29, 2023: Bishop of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
November 4, 2022: Episcopal Ordination, Bishop of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
August 4, 2022: Coadjutor Bishop, the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
2022 - 2023: Rector at Holy Family Cathedral Parish-Fatuaiga
Chancellor of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
2017 - 2022: Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Iliili & St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Futiga
2010 - 2017: Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Leone, and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Asili
2007 - 2010: Pastor of St. Paul VI Parish, Iliili and St. Joseph the Worker, Futiga
2004 - 2007: Rector of the Holy Family Cathedral Parish
2003 - 2004: Associate priest at the Holy Family Cathedral Parish
May 29, 2003: Ordained as a priest - Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago

Assigned Ministries:

2007 - 2022 Chaplain of St. Theresa Elementary School
2004 - 2022: Vocation Director: Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
2018 - 2025: Member of the Diocesan Tribunal Committee.
2004 – 2022: Instructor for Diaconate and Catechist Students' Programs
2010 - 2012: Director of the Youth of the Diocese of Samoa-Pago Pago
2008 Attended at the Institute on Matrimonial Tribunal Practice at CUA
2007 - 2013: Member of Bishop's Consultants
2004 - 2007: Chaplain of the Sacred Heart Society
2003 - 2007: Chaplain of Marist/Fa'asao High School

Experience Organization:

- Member of the Staff for our Student Catechists' Program
- Member of the Youth Committee
- Member of the Board of the Office of Catholic Education
- Member of our Diocesan Tribunal Committee.

Summary:

Being a Bishop of the Catholic Church of American Samoa with three years of Episcopal leadership and twenty two years as a priest devoted to celebrating the Eucharist, preaching and sharing the Word of God with reverence and joy. Sharing the meaning, purpose and joy in the lives of the faithful. As a pastor, call to minister across diverse walks of life, offering prayers for the faithful, and be present in celebrating the success of the community. I give glory and honor to you Almighty God, for everything I do.