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+KARL BERNHARD HESSE MSC, DD, MBE, GCL

Archbishop Emeritus of Archdiocese of Rabaul



Late Archbishop Emeritus **KARL BERNHARD HESSE, MSC, DD, MBE, GCL** was born to MARIA and HEINRICH Hesse on **August 15, 1936** at **Vosswinkel**, in the **Region of Sauerland, Germany**. He is the 02nd born of 3 **Brothers, Alfons** and **Heini**.



- In **1942 – 1947**, he attended an **Apostolic Community School** in **Vosswinkel**.
- Late Archbishop Emeritus Karl attended **Apostolic High School** of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Hilstrup, Germany from **1948 – 1957**.
- In **1957 – 1958**, he attended a Novitiate with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Vessern; Region: Eifel, Germany
- **On May 13 1958**, He has his **First Profession** in the Society of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart at Vusse in the Region of Eifel, Germany
- In **1958 – 1960**, he did his **Philosophy Studies in Kleve** in the Region of Nieder-Rhein, Germany
- In **1960 – 1964**, he did his **Theology Studies in Oeventrop** in the Region of Sauerland, Germany
- In **1963, May 23**, he was **ordained in Oeventrop to the Priesthood** by late Archbishop John Hoehne MSC
- **1964 till April 1966**, he was the **Prefect and Teacher** in the Apostolic School of the MSC in Hilstrup, Germany
- **1966, June 21**, He departed from Rotterdam on the Achille Lauro for Australia and PNG with the other MSC Priests who were: **Frs. Norbert Empen**-last PP of Sacred Heart Parish Vunapope, **Willy Vogt**- PP (St. Otto Parish Gunanba and **Wilhelm Woestheinrich**-St. Augustine Parish Rakunai.
- **1966, September 30**, He arrived in Vunapope
- **1966, October 31**, Late Archbishop Emeritus was posted on his first assignment to St. Gebardt Parish Raunsepna (North Baining)
- **1967, January 15** Archbishop Emeritus Karl was appointed Parish Priest of St. Gebardt Parish Raunsepna
- **1974, Mid-May**, In addition to the responsibility for Raunsepna Parish, he was also appointed Administrator of St. Mathew Parish Vunamarita, Coastal Baining
- **1978, May 20** Archbishop Emeritus Karl was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Rabaul (together with George Bata) by Pope Paul VI
- **In 1978, August 15**, He was ordained Bishop by the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio Most Rev. Andrea C.L. di Montezemolo as Bishop for the Universal Church on his 42nd Birthday.
- **In 1980, October 24**, He was appointed Bishop of Kavieng/Lorengau by Pope John Paul II
- **1981, January 14**, He was installed by late Bishop Alfred Stemper MSC as Bishop of Kavieng/Lorengau
- 1987, He was the Chairperson of the Finance Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and SI till the Year 2002
- **1988, August 15**, on his 52nd Birthday, 25 years as a Priest and 10 years as a Bishop – COM; he received the German Cross of the Order of Merit, (Bundesverdienstkreuz), Germany
- **In 1990, July 7**, He was appointed Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Rabaul by Pope John Paul II
- **1990, September 16** was his Installation in the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Rabaul
- **1991, May 12**, Archbishop Emeritus Karl Hesse MSC ordained Fr Ambrose Kiapseni MSC Bishop and installed him as the 3rd Bishop of Kavieng/Lorengau Diocese.

- In **1992**, Last Archbishop Emeritus created and established the Diocesan Pastoral Board Officer headed by the Lay Coordinators and Secretaries.
- **1993**, he was appointed by the Congregation for Evangelization to assist Bishop Gregory Singkai in the Bougainville Diocese for two (2) years
- **1994, September 19, 6am**: during the Twin Eruption of Tavurvur and Vulcan; Archbishop Emeritus was immediately and heavily involved and the first person to respond in caring for the many of the "Refugees", followed by the restoration of the damaged Properties.
- **1995**, He was appointed Apostolic Administrator sede plena of Bougainville till the death of Bishop Gregory Singkai on the 12 September 1966
- **1995, 17 January**, Archbishop Emeritus took part in the celebration of the Beautification of Blessed Peter Torot by Pope John Paul II. He made a request to the Holy Father John Paul II, ROME in 1992.
- **1996, 12 September**, He was appointed Apostolic Administrator of Bougainville Diocese till 19 April 1999
- **1999, July 07**, Archbishop Emeritus ordained Father HenkKronenberg SM as Bishop and installed him as the 4th Bishop of Bougainville Diocese
- **1999, 02 October**, He ordained Father Patrick Taval MSC as Auxiliary Bishop of Rabaul Archdiocese.
- **1999-2011**, He was the Chairman of St. Marys Medical Board.
- **In 2000, 30 September**, Archbishop Emeritus ordained Rev. Fr. Alphonse Ligouri Chaupaas the Auxiliary Bishop of Rabaul Archdiocese.
- **2002, January**, He was the recipient of the Order of an Honorary Member of the British Empire for Service to Charity, Church and Community: MBE
- **In 2002**, He was appointed President of the CBC for a Period of three (3) Years
- **2002**, In the same Year 2002, Archbishop Emeritus allowed the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conference Oceania to have their first meeting in the newly opened Degenhardt Conference Centre.
- **On October 12, 2003**: Celebration of the Erection of the new Diocese of Kimbe, West New Britain and Archbishop Emeritus installed Bishop Alphonse Ligouri Chaupaas as the 1st Bishop of Kimbe Diocese
- **On 2004**, Archbishop Emeritus gave approval to the CBC-National General Assembly to have their closing meeting in the Degenhardt Conference Centre.
- **2005, 29 September**, Archbishop Emeritus ordained Father Rochus Josef Tatamai MSC; Bishop being appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Kerema Diocese
- **2008, January 19**, He was appointed Administrator of Kimbe Diocese till 09 October 2010
- 2008, March 8, Archbishop Emeritus ordained Father John Doaninoel SM as Auxiliary Bishop of Rabaul Archdiocese
- **2008, September 29**: was the dedication of the New Sacred Heart Cathedral, Vunapope
- **On April 23, 2009**; He was invested with the Insignia of Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu ("GCL") for Service to Charity, Church and Community
- **2010, July 11**, was the installation of the Coadjutor Archbishop Francesco Panfilo SDB
- **2010, October 09**, Archbishop Emeritus ordained Father William R. Fey OFM Bishop and installed him as the 2nd Bishop of the Kimbe Diocese
- **2010, August 07**, He ordained for the last time Priestly Ordination of 08 Diocesan Priests in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at Vunapope. All together Archbishop Emeritus Karl Hesse, MSC, DD, MBE, GCL ordained from 09 January 1983 onwards **94 Priests of which 69 Diocesans, 25 MSCs, 1 SVD**
- **2011, August 11**, Archbishop Emeritus retired as Archbishop of Rabaul and installation of Archbishop Francesco Panfilo SDB as the 7th Bishop of the Archdiocese of Rabaul; celebrated in Vunapope on **August 15 2011**.
- **2011, August 20**, Archbishop Emeritus retired at St. Peter Chanel College, Ulapia, ENBP
- **2012 and 2013**, He was the Manager of Peter Chanel Property, Ulapia, and Rapopo Plantation
- **2014 February till 2016 March**, He was the Chaplain to the New Catholic College of Secondary Education at Ulapia.
- **2016 April** – Archbishop Emeritus Karl Hesse MSC, DD, live in Full Retirement at Ulapia, ENBP
- **2018** With gratitude I look back the 40 years I worked as Bishop in PNG, foremost in the 4 Dioceses of Niugini Islands.
- **29th October, 2019** – Archbishop Emeritus lived in Retirement at St. Peter Chanel College for Secondary Education, ENBP
- **2020**, moved to live in retirement with MSCs Vunapope until his death on 14 May 2023 at 3.52pm at the St. Mary's Hospital, Vunapope after being admitted after suffering from a long illness.

In thanks giving to God and all the people I had privilege to work with in the Particular Churches of Bougainville, Kavieng, Kimbe and Rabaul.

MAY YOU REST IN ETERNAL PEACE, YOUR GRACE...