

Six Jesuits ordained priests in Indonesia

Fathers Antonius Dhimas Hardjuna SJ, Ferdinandus Tuhu Jati Setya Adi SJ, Gerardus Hadian Panamokta SJ, Stephanus Advent Novianto SJ, Thomas Septi Widhiyudana SJ and Thomas Surya Awangga Budiono SJ were ordained on July 13 in the Church of St Anthony of Padua in Yogyakarta by the Archbishop of Semarang, Msgr Robertus Rubiyatmoko. Emeritus Archbishop of Jakarta Julius Cardinal Darmaatmadja SJ and Fr Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, concelebrated the Ordination Mass, as did Indonesia Provincial Fr Sunu Hardiyanta SJ and St Ignatius College Rector Fr Andreas Sugijopranoto SJ.

Here is a brief background of each of the new priests.

I Know Whom I Serve

Antonius Dhimas Hardjuna SJ

Dhimas was born in Wonosobo, Central Java on June 22, 1985. He is the younger of two children. Like his elder brother who is in the Army, Dhimas also wished to be in the Army, but decided to be a priest because “priests receive no reward for their service”. His hometown parish, St Philip, East Wonosobo, belongs to the Diocese of Purwokerto. Dhimas did a year of Prep Class in St Peter Canisius Minor Seminary in 2003 before entering the Novitiate in 2004. He completed a BA in 2010 from Driyarkara School of Philosophy in Jakarta, and served for two years in PIKA Vocational School and a year in the Campus Ministry of Sanata Dharma University for Regency. In 2013 Dhimas was sent to study Theology at Sanata Dharma University, Yogyakarta. His most recent assignment prior to his ordination was in the Campus Ministry of Sanata Dharma.



I Call You My Friend

Ferdinandus Tuhu Jati Setya Adi SJ

Ferdi was born in Lampung on June 17, 1986. He is from St Mary the Queen of Peace Parish, Teluk Betung, Lampung, Sumatra, which belongs to the Diocese of Tanjungkarang. Ferdi began to pursue his priesthood vocation in 2001 at St Peter Canisius Minor Seminary, Mertoyudan, Central Java. He entered the novitiate in June 2005 and completed his BA in Philosophy in 2011.



Afterwards, he was sent to Adhi Luhur High School, Nabire, Papua for two years of Regency. In 2013 Ferdi began studying Theology at Sanata Dharma University. He has been active in social ministry these past few years. He was sent to St Anthony Parish, Muntilan, Magelang, Central Java for his diaconate.

Plunging into the Deep Sea

Gerardus Hadian Panamokta SJ

Okta was born in Jakarta on October 16, 1986. He has one younger sister. His parish, St Leo Agung in Jatibening, West Java, is an ecclesial territory of the Archdiocese of Jakarta. In 2001, Okta entered Wacana Bakti Minor Seminary and studied at Aloysius Gonzaga High School, Jakarta, a school run by the Jesuits. In 2005, he began his life as a Jesuit. He completed a BA in Philosophy in 2011 and left Jakarta to fulfil his Regency at Xavier High School in Micronesia for two years. In 2013, Okta returned to Indonesia to study Theology in Sanata Dharma University. Over the past few years, he has been active in journalism. For his diaconate, Okta was sent to St John the Evangelist Parish, Blok B, Jakarta.



Grateful for Every Encounter

Stephanus Advent Novianto SJ

Advent was born in Depok on November 30, 1985. He is from St Paul Parish of the Diocese of Bogor, Depok, West Java. He attended primary school to junior high school in his hometown. In 2001, he entered St Paul Minor Seminary, Bogor and in 2005, he entered the Jesuit novitiate. He completed a BA in 2011 and was sent to Loyola High School, Semarang and to the Center for Liturgical Music, Yogyakarta for Regency. In 2013 Advent was sent to study Theology at Loyola School of Theology, Manila and to live in Arrupe International Residence.



Following His Footsteps

Thomas Septi Widhiyudana SJ

Thomas was born in Rembang, Central Java on September 22, 1985. His hometown parish, St Peter and Paul, Rembang, belongs to the Diocese of Surabaya. He



has three older brothers; one of them is a Xaverian priest. He entered St Vincent de Paul Minor Seminary in Garum, East Java in 2001 before entering the Novitiate in 2005. He completed a BA in 2011 from Driyarkara School of Philosophy in Jakarta and served three years of Regency in Cambodia. In 2014, Thomas started his Theology studies in Sanata Dharma University. Thomas has been active in social ministry for the last couple of years.

The Finger of God is Here

Thomas Surya Awangga Budiono SJ

Surya was born in Gunungkidul, Southeast of Yogyakarta on June 26, 1987. He is from St Joseph Quasi-Parish, Bandung, which was formerly attached to St Peter Canisius Parish, Wonosari in the Archdiocese of Semarang. He has one younger brother. Surya finished his high school at St John de Britto, Yogyakarta. He found something special in his experience in his youth while in the parish and in a Jesuit College that moved him to join the Jesuits. Following his decision to enter the Society of Jesus, he did a year of prep class at St Peter Canisius Minor Seminary, Magelang in June 2005 before entering the Novitiate in June 2006. After completing his BA degree in 2012, he was sent for Regency to the Spirituality Center of Girisonta, Central Java for a year and Xavier High School in Micronesia for another year. In 2014 Surya began his Theology studies at Sanata Dharma University. In the past few years, he has been active in journalism.

