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Born in Tonga and attended St Joseph's Convent, Nuku'alofa, St. John's High School, 'Api Fo'ou, Ma'ufanga, Tonga and St. Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington, New Zealand. In 1979 Father Filipe entered Pacific Regional Seminary, Suva, Fiji, as a Marist Aspirant.

- 1982: Professed in the Society of Mary in Fiji
- 1985: Took a leave of absence and worked for Dux Engineers in Wellington, New Zealand
- 1986-1987: Returned and finished at Pacific Regional Seminary in Fiji
- 1988: Ordained a Priest in Tonga
- 1988-1989: Taught at 'Api Fo'ou College, Ma'ufanga, Tonga
- 1990-1993: Assistant Editor of Taumu'a Lelei – Catholic Newspaper
- 1990-1991: Assistant Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Houma
- 1991-1996: Chairman of Pro-Democracy Movement, Tonga
- 1991-1992: Parish Priest of Kawaii Parish, Marist Parish, Tonga
- 1992-1993: Parish Priest of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
- 1992-1993: Chaplain of Diocesan Youth, Tonga
- 1993-1995: STL on Moral Theology, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Boston, USA
- 1994-1995: Certificate on Spiritual Direction, WJST, USA
- 1994-1995: Certificate on Pastoral Counseling, WJST, USA
- 1995: Certificate on Christian Study of Human Sexuality, Jesuit Educational Centre for Human Development, Brighton, MA, USA
- 1996-2004: Lecturer at Pacific Regional Seminary on Moral Theology
- 1996-1998: Dean of Studies, Pacific Regional Seminary, Suva, Fiji
- 1999-2004: Rector of Marist College, Suva, Fiji, at Pacific Regional Seminary
- 2006-2011: Parish Priest of Kawaii Parish, Tonga
- 2012: Principal of 'Api Fo'ou College, Tonga
- 2013: Assistant Editor of Taumua Lelei Catholic Newspaper
- 2014: Director of 'Api Fo'ou Marist Rugby Union Academy
- 2015: Secretary of Cardinal Mafi
- 2016: Chairman of Diocesan Synod Editorial Committee for 2017 Diocesan Synod on Family

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