



Br Mé Vincent Takes the Vow of Stability

On 12 November 2022, Bro. Konan Mé Vincent took a fourth vow (Stability) in front of Brother Provincial, Priest, Brothers of Korhogo and Bouaké community, and other religious in Korhogo. This was during a Holy Mass celebrated in the school hall.

According to our Constitutions and Statutes , *When we arrive at an age when there is a clear harmony between our personal vocation and our belonging to the Institute, we may be moved by the Holy Spirit to ask to make a vow of Stability. This vow acknowledges God's constant fidelity towards us, and our gratitude to Mary and to the Institute.*



In making the vow of Stability in the presence of our brothers, we wish to reaffirm our deep desire to continue to live generously the gift of our vocation as a Marist Brother in accordance with the Constitutions. We recommit ourselves to responding wholeheartedly to the calls of the Church and our Institute, and to meeting the challenges of our times (#83).

He becomes the third Brother in our Province to commit himself totally by the vow of Stability after Brother Sylvain Yao and Br. Jean Baptiste Tamoussuine (RIP). Congratulations Brother.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Collège Marcellin Champagnat

Pastoral Care

"For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him..." – Colossians 1: 16. With this inspiration, the school Pastoral team organized opening Masses to thank God for every blessing received and to entrust the new year and all the students and members of staff into the care and protection of our Good Mother and the divine Protection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With a population of over eight hundred students, two Masses were organized on

October 5th and 12th for the First and Second Cycles of the school respectively. The Parish Priest of St Antoine de Padou Parish, Rev. Father Nestor Silue, a former student of the College, encouraged all the students to study hard in order to be of good conduct so that both their parents and the school will be happy with the efforts each one has put into their education. He said that it is in working hard that students receive God's blessings of success. College Catholique Marcellin Champagnat Korhogo is made up of students mostly from a Muslim background.



MARIST PEDAGOGY

PART SEVEN

PSYCHOLOGICAL LENS

By BR ERIC KRAMO, fms

In my last write-up, I shared extensively about the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Christian Gospels. Again, I suggested talking about what the Church and Marist documents say about her in the subsequent ones. Before I do so, kindly allow me to briefly comment on what the Holy Quran says about her. It calls her Maryam, the mother of Issa. It is also very comforting to note that Mary's name is mentioned in the Quran more times than in the Holy Bible. Besides, it reveals some of her vital attributes that we hardly traceable in the Bible. Yes, Maryam is given pride of place in the Quran. She is given a title like Sayyidatuna, meaning 'Our Lady'. Sometimes, the Quran refers to her as Siddiqah and Tahira meaning 'She who confirms the truth' and 'One who has been purified.' Most importantly, both Holy Scriptures unequivocally agree on her virgin birth. These qualities that the Holy Quran speaks of, make known some fine personality traits of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we shall explore later.

Now, what does the Catholic Church say about her? One document that speaks volumes of the Blessed Virgin is her litany. Well, we know that they are very well rooted in the Bible and Christian traditions. I will remind you of just a few. The Blessed Virgin is praised as the Queen of peace, Virgin most merciful, Virgin most faithful, Mother of good counsel, Mother most chaste, and Mother most amiable. Additionally, the Church figuratively describes her as the Health of the Sick, Comforter of the afflicted, House of gold, and Vessel of honour. The nobility of this great woman is visible in these attributes.

Other document sources of the Church's rich insight into the mother of our Lord are the encyclicals, general audience by the Popes, and treatises of the saints. For example, the Redemptoris Mater by Pope John Paul II describes her as the mother and model. In the same document, the Holy Father indicates some titles that the ancient churches accorded her. Among them are the Hodegetria, "she who shows the way"; and the Eleusa, or Virgin of Tenderness. St. Methodius says of the Blessed Virgin, "you possess more goodness and greater charity than all the other Saints". St. Catherine of Siena describes her as the dispenser of mercy, a peaceful ocean, and fruitful land.

Generally, the saints would not miss referring to the beauty of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Do they mean her physical attractiveness? To this St. Bernard of Clairvaux has this to say of her "Adorned with the jewels of virtues and radiant in both mind and body, the royal Virgin's beauty draws the attention of the citizens of heaven itself, and its King is filled with desire for her and sends his messenger to her from a high." Given the remarks of St. Bernard, it becomes abundantly clear that they mean more than her physical beauty.

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OUR GOOD MOTHER SCHOOL (OGMS)

Ashalaja

The First Batch of Our Good Mother School, Ashalaja, sit for the BECE exams



Prior to the exam, they had a day of recollection facilitated by Br Simon. It is hoped that this batch of students will act as true ambassadors for the institution especially after the results.

Anyone who puts God in everything will eventually see God in everything.
The JHS graduates of OGMS after a recollection on Saturday, October 15, 2022 to ask for God's grace for the BECE

MY TRIBUTE TO MARIST EDUCATION

SMCS - BUOKROM

By Lisa Akrasi- SMCS 2022 Graduating Class



Going through Marist Education at Saint Marcellin Champagnat School (SMCS), Buokrom for my basic education has added to the long list of the good things my parents have made so far in my life. The Marist style of Educating has indeed formed me for life and I believe I will reap the fruits in years to come. My journey through Marist Education began in Basic one (Class One) in SMCS. Ordinarily,

from Basic one through to Basic 9 (formally Junior High School 3), it is expected that one should sail through with a lot of difficulties since it takes nine years to achieve that. However, my coming to SMCS seemingly made it look easier, but that was not without hard work on my side. My numerous experiences through Marist Education shaped my life.

Most of my experiences were very awesome, nonetheless, there were a few difficult ones. Difficult in the sense that, in the life of a student, he or she will at least once try to have things done in his or her way by being mischievous for no just cause. If this mischief is met with an admonition, it would be a bitter pill to swallow especially where the intervention is not received with humility. The following formative activities shape my life as I went through the Marist style of education.

The teachers at the Marist school have this unique way of dealing with learners. This is quite noticeable among the

Marist Brothers whom I encountered both in and out of the classroom environment. These teachers were always present to us in a meaningful way, ready to listen to our stories and accompany us. Unceasingly, we were always reminded that our success in education came through no means other than hard work and this hard work must be accompanied by simplicity, humility, and modesty in one's life. The Marist style of Education taught me to always make family wherever I found myself. I recall the various Pastoral activities that helped formed me spiritually and morally. I am not a Catholic Christian but I never felt any prejudices about attending or participating in any of the Pastoral activities that the school organized for us.

I sincerely thank my Parents for introducing me to Marist Education, because going through it has indeed equipped me for my life journey. I believe I will reap and remember the fruits of this form of education for the rest of my life. I will forever be grateful for Marist Education. Long live Marist Education.

BROTHER ARISTIDE GHISLAINE YAO LEAVES KORHOGO FOR A NEW MISSION.

MISSION

By Br Derick ngong

In recent years, our brothers have gone on voluntary missions as a way of responding to the call of the Mother Church in various areas of need or collaboration in leading God's people. Our Province had been generous in this way by sending brothers to Cambodia and China, with South Sudan being the latest among the call for voluntary service.

At the beginning of this academic and canonical year, our Brother Yao Ghislaine Aristide was appointed by the Provincial to serve God's people in Spain, in the Province of



Mediterranea. After his two years of faithful service, and authentic witnessing among the members of the Korhogo Community, Br. Aristide left an irreplaceable

vacuum in the school and the community to respond to his new mission in Spain. In an emotional fareware ceremony, the headmaster hailed him as he informed the school community about Brother Aristide's departure for a new mission. A liturgical celebration was organized in the community to thank God for the faithful service of Brother Aristide and to pray for his journey and his mission.



Br John Nyuydine (second [L-R]) who has been on mission in Cambodia returns to the Province and is welcomed by his community in Douala, Cameroon.

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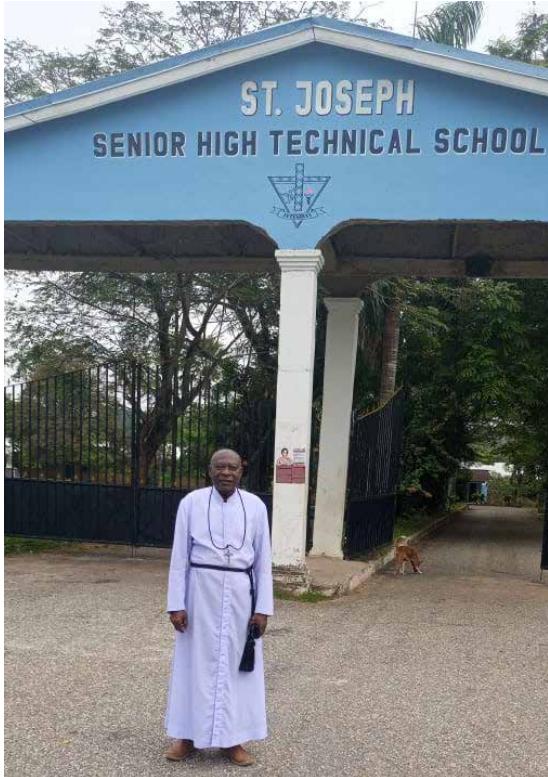
26 October seminar on students online registration



SEMINAR ON HOW THE STUDENTS
WILL DO ONLINE REGISTRATION

THE QUIET BUT MEANINGFUL PRESENCE OF THE MARIST BROTHERS AT AHWIREN

By Br. Conrad Tameh, fms



What comes to mind when you think of the Marist Mission in Ghana and the name 'Ahwiren'? I suppose the name Ahwiren is currently synonymous with the postulancy community for Generation Z Marists, with the exception of the Silents, Boomers, Generation X, and upper Millennials Marists, who will think of Ahwiren in other contexts.

What are your thoughts? The Provincial Bulletin had the opportunity to speak with one of the founders of the Ghanaian Marist Mission, Br. Gilbert Asong, fms, and the following are excerpts from our conversation. 'Gone are the days when the name Ahwiren was identical to the popular presence of the Marist Brothers at Saint Joseph Senior High Technical School (SAJOSTECH) Ahwiren but this is no longer the case as the SAJOSTECH is now fully in the hands of Ghana Education Service (GES). With SAJOSTECH being handed over to GES, the Marist Mission there

in Ahwiren was closed temporally until the catabolism in the Northwest region of Cameroon led to the postulancy moving to the one-time Marist Ahwiren community.

Bulletin Rep: With the return of the Marist presence in Ahwiren with the postulancy, and with the Marist Brothers no longer in charge of SAJOSTECH, how has our one-time very dear SAJOSTECH and the surrounding locality been feeling the Marist presence?

Br. Gilbert Asong: With the return of the Marist mission in Ahwiren in the form of the Postulancy in 2018, Ahwiren has for these few years witnessed a quiet

but meaningful presence of the Marist Mission. With the Marist Brothers no longer fully present in SAJOSTECH, the school and indeed the surrounding villages have however not stopped feeling, savouring, and benefiting from the Marist presence. For these few years, SAJOSTECH and its environs have enjoyed some religious services which the Brothers passionately render including Catechesis, visitation of the sick, Communion Services, etc. This quiet but meaningful presence of the Marist Mission in Ahwiren has sent an awesome message to SAJOSTECH and the Christian communities in the area, that the Marist Brothers can offer much more to humanity besides running schools.

Seminar for Teachers at Centre Scolaire Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Bouaké.

October 29, 2022

Topic:

"**SPECIALIZED PEDAGOGY: SPECIFIC TEACHING METHOD ADAPTED TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**"



Community Life out of home

FR JOHN MUBANGA

My Experience with Marist Brothers of the Schools (FMS)



...Since February 2021, I have been living in the Provincial House of the Marist Brothers of the Schools.

This write-up is fully inspired by my present community life experience with the Marist Brothers of the Schools. I share my experience of the Marist Brothers Community in the following points: Missionaries of Africa (M.Afr) and Marist Brothers Community living, spiritual life in the community as well as meals in the community, and conclusion.

Missionaries of Africa and Marist Brothers Community Living Experienced

Being a missionary with Missionaries of Africa united in diversity, I learned how to live in an international community of three or more confreres from various backgrounds and cultures. As a family, we demonstrate to men and women that we are all children of the same loving Father (God), members of one family (M.Afr) without distinction. And we see this in team spirit, prayer, common pastoral projects, washing up, meals, our simplicity, and brotherly life. I have also learned and experienced that when we live together, we are supposed to avoid envy, slander, and hatred. Rather we should encourage one another because, as the saying goes, "together we stand, divided we fall." We live to help and support one another and to collaborate with those among us who are responsible for the proper operation of our purpose. Confreres may be visitors by definition when they visit our communities, but in reality, they are

not because it is their home and they should feel comfortable living or staying freely there.

I have observed that a Marist community life is one of companionship, simplicity, hospitality, and a Gospel-based life. They have the same qualities as I mentioned in the Missionaries of Africa. So, as I stay with them, I have discovered that, despite their religious beliefs and different way of life, community living is important to them too. So being one of them is not a big deal or a problem for me. I have simply adapted and made their community my community as well. I have integrated myself into the community's life and I feel welcomed.

TO BE CONTINUED...

MIC GRADUATION /

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Congratulations
to Brothers Samuel Nkuah (Right)
and Basil Ngum (Left).

In October 2022 they were conferred,
a Bachelor's Degree in Education.
We thank God for their efforts
and commitment to hard work.



MIC - CULTURAL DAY

KENYA



The young Brothers at the Marist International Centre (MIC) showcase their talents as they prepared for their annual cultural day celebration sometime in October 2022

CONNECTION WITH NATURE

Br. Conrad Tameh (fms)

GHANA

The survival and continuous existence of human beings on mother earth has and will always depend on their connectedness with nature. The connection between human beings and nature greatly supports their emotional, psychological, and physical health (Mental Health Foundation 2021). Over time, this connectedness is fading away thus putting the survival and continuous existence of human beings on mother earth into massive jeopardy. Shall we stand and watch unconcerned? Oh no! Maybe, it is time we rediscover our connectedness with nature. How shall we do that?

The ability to connect with nature is inborn in all of us, however, we need to rediscover it. The Mental Health Foundation 2021, suggests the following tips on how we can rediscover our connectedness with nature to improve our mental health;

- o Find nature wherever you are and bring nature to you. Nature can be referred to as the totality of all around us. Thus, we should make efforts to notice all around us, in the best meaningful way.
- o Connecting with nature using all of our

senses; we ought to create quiet moments and use all our senses to reflect on all around us. In so doing, we will find some sense of calm and joy.

o Protecting nature - We are stewards/custodians of all around us and as such, we ought to protect it. Taking care of all around us will help us rediscover that we are doing our part and in so doing we will feel more positive.

Each of us needs to rediscover in the self, that Divinely gift of connecting with nature to improve and enhance our emotional, psychological and physical health, thus ensuring our continued survival and existence. By doing so, we will live up to our tasks as good stewards and custodians, and thus, generations yet to come will not find themselves wanting.



17 October Rosary Prayer with students





SMCS BUOKROM SAY 'AYEEKOO'

TO BR. CONRAD NYANYOH TAMEH, FMS

By Mary Antwi Baffour- SMCS Secretary.

John Wesley, a recognized founder of Methodism and acclaimed preacher proclaimed “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” This is certainly a fitting description and summary of the life of Br. Conrad Tameh (fms) at Saint Marcellin Champagnat School (SMCS), Buokrom.

On Friday, October 7, 2022, the school community gathered to honor him in a farewell cele-



bration. The school community was moved to officially thank and send him forth to his new mission in recognition of his diligence, dedication, and dutiful service to the school, as he had reached the end of his mission in the said institution for the time being.

During his seven-year tenure at the school (2015-2022), Br. Conrad served in a variety of capacities, including teacher, bursar, pastoral coordinator, and coordinator of

Marist Youth Ministry. He was the school's Bursar for six of the seven years, the Pastoral Coordinator for five, and the coordinator of Marist Youth Ministry for three. Most importantly, because teaching is his primary calling as a Marist Brother, he zealously instructed the pupils and students on both spiritual (catechism) and academic matters during his mission at the school.

To commemorate his departure, a gala football match between staff and the school team was organized in his honor. There was also a thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration to thank God and seek His blessings and protection as he leaves the school. Because it was his last official day at school and with the students, Br. Conrad spent a lot of time with them. This moment with the pupils and

students was marked by him sharing his experiences with them. Br. Conrad, as an educator, never missed an opportunity to teach, and his last day with the students was no exception. His parting advice to the pupils/students was: “the best gift they can give themselves is education (spiritual and academic)”. The pupils and students, as a sign of their appreciation, presented gifts to him either individually or as a class.

The day was capped off with a staff send-off party. Some members of the School's Parent Association (P.A) were in attendance . The staff members shared their experiences with Br. Conrad and expressed their gratitude and encouragement to him. The P.A. presented Br. Conrad with a token. The day ended successfully, with the celebrant expressing deep appreciation and gratitude.

DEDICATION OF JOSE ANTONIO COMMUNITY IN KPAIN TOWN - MONROVIA



On the 15th October 2022 the Community was dedicated in honor of Br Jose Antonio (RIP) and now officially opened.



Collège Marcellin Champagnat

CANTEEN REOPENS: A GLIMPSE OF HOPE

IVORY COAST
Korhogo,



The canteen now can host about 80 students .

This number has been achieved through the joint efforts of administration some members of staff.



CANONICAL VISITATION

KORHOGO



The Provincial Superior on Monday, 14 November 2022 ended his canonical visit to the Community of Korhogo in the North of Côte d'Ivoire. There, he warmed the hearts of Brothers with words of encouragements, praise and corrections on our new way of Being Brothers and a Province. Let us continue to pray for him and the Mission. He was decorated in a traditional attire by the community.

BIRTHDAY SNAPSHOTS



Cameroon



R-L: Bros Cylas Y, Ivo N & Basil N, on 20/11/2022 celebrate their birthdays in the community



Bros Isaac Kwame and Joseph Asante
Ashalaja



Br Michael Telewa, USA
12/11/2022



Accra Ghana

Br Cho Nchang (L)
&
Br Vamentine M (R)
both celebrated on
13/11/2022

