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Dear brothers,

the feast of the Pentecost bring us to the end events marking the Pascal Mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a long period of 40 days of lent which prepared us to celebrate the solemnly of the Risen Lord on Ester Sunday. Thereafter, we continued rejoicing with the risen lord for another 40 days till the solemnity of the Ascension, during which the Risen Lord ascended to his heavenly Father, promising to send us the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday: "When the Advocate comes whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my Witness. And you too will be my witnesses, because you have been with me from the onset... (Jn 15: 25-27).

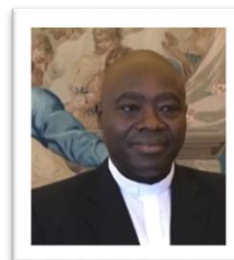
The Pentecost is a beautiful solemnity of our Catholic faith; we celebrate the day when our Catholic Church was born through the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. Pentecost reveals the mission of the Church and also reveals our mission as the new Disciples of Christ. The fire that started at Pentecost is meant to keep burning in us. We are called to carry on the mission of Jesus. We are called to proclaim the mighty works of God his salvation and good news to every nation under heaven following the good example of our Holy founder and of the Saints. Through the reception of the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, we were conferred with the special gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us in the mission of evangelizing the poor in the world. The words of Jesus "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you" are still pertinent for us today.

As we recommence the ordinary time of the church year, Jesus is sending us out into the world to continue spreading the message of peace and reconciliation among men.

To carry out this mission, we need to have a more and deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. St Paul exhorts us to live by the Holy Spirit in his letter to the Galatians: "If you are guided by the spirit, you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence (...) if you are led by the spirit no law can touch you." (Cf. Gal 5, 16.18).

So dear brothers, let us try to create new ways of really living the experience of the Pentecost in our various communities and mission areas. Let us try to look for new ways of actualizing in our day to day life the fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Cf. Gal 5, 22). One concrete way can be, to see what we can do to remember in a special way, the traumatized and distressed victims of the Anglophone crisis in our beloved country, Cameroon.

Dear brothers, let us strive to become gentle instruments of God's love in the world of today. Always remembering the great commission of Jesus to us: "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you (...) Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20: 21.22).



By Fr. Evaristus AKEM NDI, Provincial

CANONICAL VISIT OF THE PROVINCIAL – CAMEROON.

From the 5th of April 2018, the Provincial Superior and his assistant Provincial for Community Life and Permanent Formation embarked on the Canonical visit of the nine Piarist Communities in Cameroon.

Beginning in the Noviciate Community in the Diocese of Kumbo, the moved to the communities of Bandjoun and Bamendjou in the Diocese of Bafoussam. From there, the missionary journey continued towards the Centre Region to visit the

Communities in the Archdiocese of Yaounde: Provincial community (H10); Scolasticat I (Nkolbisson) and Scolasticat II (cite-verte).

The visit was marked by moments of personal encounter with the brothers, listening to them and encouraging them in their Piarist vocation. Also, it was an occasion to get in contact with the reality of each community. Time was also dedicated to visit the various schools, Parishes, Sociocultural and educative centres etc... Finally, there were encounters with the members of the lay Piarist and

closer collaborators in our various institutions.



Community of Kumbo and the
Novices



Visit to the new Piarist presence of
Kiyang, closer to the Noviciate
Community.



Encounter with the staff of Saint
Antoine of Padoa Primary School
Bamendjou.



Picture with the Community of
Bafia



the celebration, the heart of

With the little children in Bafia



Encounter of Lay Piarist
in Bandjoun



Visit in the Community of
the Pre Novitiate I, Menteh

CLOSING OF THE PIARIST SYNOD OF YOUTH

From Friday, April 13 to Sunday, April 15, 2018, the Closing of the Piarist Youth Synod of the Province of Central Africa took place. In fact, more than 150 young people from Kumbo, Bamenda, Bamendjou, Bandjoun, Yaoundé and Bafia (welcoming place) came together to celebrate this provincial event. At the opening of the activities on Friday evening, Father Clément congratulated each of the participants for having answered the call of the Church and invited all the young people to live joyfully the experience. In addition to the various sporting and socio-cultural activities that marked

this exceptional meeting was the conference (held on Saturday 14th), on the theme: "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment". Starting from the affirmation that each young person is a "beloved disciple" of Jesus (Jn 13:26), the presenters carefully analyzed the three keywords of the theme of the synod convened by Pope Francis. Insisting first on the challenges young people face today, the conference then offered to reflect on the question of faith, finally leading to the characteristic elements of vocational discernment. Another important moment was the various workshops based on the preparatory questionnaire to this synod.

In short, it was with a daring feeling and satisfaction that young people separated on Sunday after the closing mass presided by Fr. Féléicien, representing the Fr. Provincial, resolved to live once again an experience of this kind. It was therefore a weekend of joy, sharing and faith for young people of our Dear Province, under the benevolent protection of Saint Joseph of Calasanz.



Catholic University of Central Africa (Yaoundé) : "LA DISPUTATIO"

Une *disputatio* évoque effectivement tous les aspects de la dispute : la dispute est une méthode intellectuelle de recherche, surtout centrée sur la théologie à ses débuts, mais qui va peu à peu traiter tous les domaines du savoir. Cet exercice oral généralisé d'enseignement s'est répandu au XII^e siècle, en même temps que naît l'université. L'université connaît alors deux méthodes d'enseignement : la dispute et le commentaire.

La *disputatio* est une activité régulière pratiquée dans l'Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale. Cette année académique, elle a été consacrée à la (re)découverte de quelques publications des enseignants de la faculté de Théologie. Il est important à noter que la première *disputatio* de l'année académique s'est tenue le 22 février 2018 par la réception de l'œuvre du doyen de la Faculté de Théologie, Dr Augustin MESSOMO ATEBA, intitulé : *Enjeu de la seconde évangélisation*

de l'Afrique noire : « Mémoire blessée » et « Eglise du peuple ». Deux de nos confrères : Kamga Kamga Brice et MOH Celestine Pesetienga P. avaient alors fait la recension de cette œuvre avec un autre étudiant en deuxième année de théologie. La deuxième *disputatio* du 19 avril a connu la participation de notre frère FOU DA Adalbert qui avec deux autres camarades ont fait la recension de l'ouvrage du Pr Jean -Paul MESSINA, co-auteur avec Jaap van Slagern, intitulé ; *Histoire du christianisme au Cameroun* : des origines à nos jours.

Les scolastiques Piaristes ont toujours eu l'honneur d'être parmi les « *disputatiens* » depuis maintenant un bon bout de temps grâce à leurs performances académiques. Il faut être bien assis dans l'univers intellectuel pour espérer être protagonistes d'une *disputatio* à la « CATHO ».



Our Brother Adalbert FOU DA
during his presentation



ANNUAL MEETING OF PIARIST VOLUNTEERS

From 28th to 30th April 2018 was held at the Calasanz Technical College of Bandjoun the traditional annual formation meeting of Piarist Volunteers under the theme "Young Volunteers and Commitment to Social Action".

This annual gathering was attended by 73 young people from Yaounde, Bafia, Douala, Bamenda, Kumbo and Bandjoun, supervised by 6 Piarist religious, with the support of the entire community of Bandjoun who gave a warm welcome to young people and supervisors.

This privileged moment of meeting, experience sharing and evaluation of the activities carried out was punctuated by the teachings of Fathers Jason AMAH, Andrew B. and Jean Claude NGATCHUESI on the themes (the Piarist volunteer, first to act here and everywhere in his social interaction: within their group, within their parish, and within society in general) and the values of the Piarist laity Respectively. Activities such as workshops, football match, tour to Bandjoun chieftaincy and a cultural evening were organized. It was a real moment of sharing and exchange that allowed volunteers to get to know each other better and to learn from each other.



Encounter of the consultative council of ITAKA - Madrid (7-9 may)

The meeting took place in Madrid from the last 7 to 9 of May, with the participation of all the 10th major superiors of the Order, the General congregation, the Fraternity council, the patronat and the executive commission. The aim of the meeting was to share the actuality of ITAKA in our various presence and to definite the guide line for the future.



RIP Fr. Fernando Guillen Sch. P.



Testimony of Father Williams: you thought me to call you this as the English translation of 'Guillen'. Your departure from this life and so soon leaves a very big vacuum in the life of the Pious Schools and in many children, youths - students that you positively touched and transformed their lives.

Father Williams you were not only our teacher and model in religious life but you were a father and good companion. You taught and told me to love the science of God. You saw me through the huddles of life and a host of others. I can only wish you a safe journey and a befitted rest in the blossom of your Eternal God that you served so faithfully instructing religious sciences to the ignorant. May you hear these words of your Master resounding with joy into your ears: "welcome home good and faithful servant". Receive the indisputable reward prepared for you by your Lord and God. May the land of our ancestors be your dwelling place forever! Safe journey until we shall meet to part no more! RIP

In images, mass for the repose of the soul of Fr. Fernando GUILLEN.



For the greater glory of God and the service of our neighbour.

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