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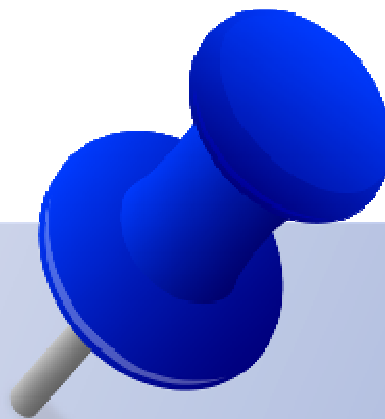
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## Editorial

*As you may have noticed, two major facts marked the Newsletter N°09. First, the date of publication. This issue should have been published in September. Internet connection problems and multiple occupations of our Brother Michel, in charge of the RELAF Newsletter did not allow that to happen. Never mind. Better late than never. The second is related to the sources of articles. Three Districts share the articles you will read in this issue: Antananarivo, Douala and Lwanga.*

*Coincidence or sign of times, these articles without any special instructions, give great importance to training. Obviously, it is a topic that can leave no one indifferent. Thus, items that are widely covered include preparation for perpetual vows and raising awareness of the child protection. For me, these two themes are one and the heart of our mission, an invitation to become more aware of the times we live: shaken by the scandals of the abuses of which minors are the main victims, the Institute is six months towards the General Chapter, the great opportunity which should allow us to evaluate our past actions giving us the opportunity to find the best directions to revitalize our mission, require definitive commitment in our Institute as we are increasingly alarmed by the statistics ... all this should prompt each one of us about his personal and community preparedness to address and live this chapter of hope in a troubled world. The best way to properly prepare for the future in this area is to:*

- 1. Read with a clear mind, personally and as a community the paths traveled so far to better understand the challenges of the Chapter.*
- 2. Personally and as a community appropriate documents specified in the Circular of Convocation.*
- 3. Personally and as a community pray for the Chapter so that the Holy Spirit illuminates the Delegates for appropriate and realistic choice.*

*May the Holy Spirit guide us on the right paths.*

*Brother Gabriel SOME  
General Councillor for RELAF*

# CLAF 2013: Antananarivo

*CLAF 2013 (30 days retreat) took place in Antananarivo from 22 July to 16 August 2013. The session was held in Soavimbahoaka and began at the Shrine of Blessed Louis Raphael Rafiringa with a Mass presided by Father Germain TATA Vincentian priest.*

Present at the opening Mass where some Brothers of the District of Antananarivo along with their new Visitor Brother Olivier RABARONE Mamy, the Delegate of the Sisters Guadalupana De La Salle and some of her sisters, as well as clafistes 19 including two Guadalupana Sisters. After Mass, we gathered around a festive meal where the District of Antananarivo welcomed Clafistes. Brother Hilary RAHARILALAO principal and tireless animator of the session and Brothers Paul and Julien RATSIMBAZAFY KABORE have completed from start to finish this session. The presence of Brother Gabriel SOME, General Councillor during the two weeks with us was cherished.

The theme of our Lasallian spiritual month was entitled "LIVE MY LIFE DEVOTED TO EXAMPLE AND ON THE PATH OF BLESSED BROTHER RAPHAEL LOUIS RAFARINGA." With the goal "to live a spiritual journey with Blessed Brother." During the first week, we reflected on some aspects of Christian life in general, the consecrated life, especially the life of Brother Rafiringa. [...]

After two weeks of knowledge on the life of the first religious Malagaasy, the third week WAS dedicated to the pilgrimage, led Clafistes the footsteps of Blessed. We began our pilgrimage Monday, August 5 with a rite of blessing and send off held at the Sanctuary, presided by Father Simon Judas Priest of the Archdiocese of Antananarivo, who was also a pilgrim. [...]

The last week of our spiritual month with the sub-theme "to devote oneself to God in the religious life" introduced us to direct preparation for perpetual vows [...]

In our day of absolute desert, we meditated on individual commitment to perpetual vows which we prepare. In addition, we had the opportunity to participate in perpetual vows of two members of the Institute of the Sisters of La Salle Guadalupana which contributed to our preparation for final commitment.

The evaluation carried out on August 16 allowed everyone to share the many gifts received during our spiritual month. The closing Mass was a thanksgiving for the wonders of God in our lives.

*The Clafists 2013*



## Echoes from Lwanga District

### Reopening of the Postulancy in the Kenyan Sector

We are grateful to Bro Francis Kamanda, Vocation Promoter, and to all the Brothers who supported positively the Pastoral Vocation Ministry in the Sector of Kenya. Thanks to their much appreciated efforts we were able to open once again a Postulancy in the Sector of Kenya with four candidates that were accepted by the Sector Coordinator and his Council. The Postulancy opened its doors in September 2013 in Karameno, within the new property of the De La Salle Brothers, under the leadership of Bro Boniface Wachira. We wish them all the best and God's choicest blessings.

Of course, we are grateful as well to the Vocation Promoters in the Sectors of Eritrea, of Ethiopia, of Nigeria and of South-Africa, for their positive and generous involvement in this future oriented Ministry that gives us hope and encouragement. May God bless them abundantly.

### Lasallian Workshop at the De La Salle Centre in Nairobi, Kenya

From July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, Brother Gabriel Griffin, Auxiliary Visitor, organized a one-week Lasallian Workshop for Brothers and Lay Colleagues who are and will be engaged in the formation of teachers and educators in Lasallian Spirituality and Pedagogy in the various Lasallian Educational Institutions of the District. The participants came from South-Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Kenya. The main animators were Bro Peter Kombe, Kenya, and Mrs Leanne Stonier, South-Africa, who in recent years finished successfully their Lasallian Studies at the Buttimer Institute in the USA.

### Thirty-day pre-profession retreat in Nakuru, Kenya



Frère Boniface Wachira



Frère Bizuneh Marcos



Frère Luckymariam Oloboh



Frère Oscar Okoth

Bro Bezuneh Markos, Bro Boniface Wachira, Bro Luckymariam Oloboh and Bro Oscar Okoth participated very well in the 30-day pre-profession retreat that took place at the Postulancy of the Brothers of Mercy in Nakuru from August 4<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. They kept the promise that they made to one another during the opening ceremony, *to walk with each other in mutual fraternal support through the six stages of the retreat*: - The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in the Gospel and in the Rule, - The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in my life journey and in my development as a human being, - The ideal of religious life as expressed in an African context, - The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in my milieu of life, - The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in the Institute of the De La Salle Brothers and in my Sector of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa, and - The ideal of the De La Salle Brothers as expressed in a life of intimacy with Christ.

*Brother Marc HOFER*

## Lasallian Formation: Antananarivo

Brother Josean Villalabeitia facilitated the second formation session on the Educational Lasallian Mission that was held at Soavimbahoaka from August, 26 to 27 2013. There were 58 teachers from our schools and Lasallian Centre of Antananarivo and other regions like Ambatondrazaka and Ambositra participated in the Session.



*Br. Julien RATSIMBAZAFY*

The Lasallian charism is like a tree nourished by the sap, a gift of the Holy Spirit, which according to him, the seven (7) basic gifts he cited by order of importance: The fraternity or the community, the founder, the poor, the educators, the Word of God, the Spirit of faith, and together Association. A Lasallian educator must be a good example and witness of care to his students, whatever discipline he teaches, he said.

The second day, he told us about the THEOLOGY OF EDUCATION, based on the triangular love of God: God does not act directly to express his love, but he chooses a messenger. He cited the example of Moses, the leader of Israel, sent by God to free his people.

The story of Moses he said, is the same as the Lasallian who are God's ministers and ambassadors of His mysteries and the spirit of the Institute, which is a spirit of faith, commitment to the Lasallian sees everything in the eyes of faith, doing everything in the sight of God, and attribute everything to God.

To enter and live in this spirit, the Lasallian must first feed constantly on the Word of God, especially the Gospel, study, meditate and share. This is the primary and the first rule. Then they should animate all their actions in faith. And finally through the Spirit of prayer and attention to God's presence, they must listen to the Holy Spirit that brings more and more in the truth of faith.

Brother Josean emphasized the aspect of fraternal relationship of the members of the community for those who have not or who have lost it must be regarded and looked upon themselves as dead members.

In conclusion, the brother Josean offered us a word search game, in which we find twelve words in twelve paragraphs that were already distributed. And what have we found? The remaining letters could make a beautiful sentence a Lasallian educator must always remember. It is this: SAINT JEAN (Baptist) DE LA SALLE IS THE PATRON OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Thank you to Brother Josean.

*Brother Julien RATSIMBAZAFY ,  
MEL , Antananarivo District*

# Initial Formation: Preparation for First Profession (cont..)

*In our previous issue, we published reflection by Brother Valère Adonsou (former Director of the Novitiate) on the theme. "Preparing for First Vows". Here is the continuation of his article.*



*Brother Valère, with his Novices (photo archive)*

The pole "to form". It derives from the Latin word "formare" which means *to give being or form*. Form, let us not take the common sense edge, size or configuration space. The *form* refers to what makes a reality what it is. In this sense "to form" evokes a profound effect on the person with a consequent transformation of the whole being. It is also a global action that includes both the knowledge, expertise and skills. It operates on two levels at a time. On one hand, the action of a speaker to the *trained person*, on the other, on the beneficiary's investment in training for his own development. A final aspect is that *to form* is the process by which the received instruction is put into practice, translated into action in life.

The comparison of the four poles from language education point of view reveals that *to form* has a range of meanings that cut across two elements: *to educate* or *to instruct*. However *to form* has its originality. "To form seems very far away from to teach ... »

Instead, *to form* involves the transmission of knowledge, such as instruction, but also of values and life skills such as education. In addition, training is the relationship of knowledge to practice, to life. *To form* is less specific to instruct, which brings it closer to educate. Like education, *to form* is characterized by a global aspect: it is to act on the whole personality. But *to form* is more ontological than *to instruct* or *to educate*: in formation, it is the very being that matters, in its form.

"In summary, to form seems to be characterized by a triple orientation transmit knowledge: instruction, modeling the whole person, integrate knowledge into practice in life." Michel Fabre, *Penser la Formation*, Paris, PUF, 1994, p. 22-23.

## **The meaning of the novitiate formation**

At the end of May, the various activities relating to formation came to an end for second year novices. For twenty months, different types of meditations (event, experiential, organizational, human, structural mediation and education) can craft a new identity, or better, to make their identity a vocation. In other words, all aspects of life in the novitiate contributed in such a way that they receive their *true being* from God himself, in the example of Abraham, "Go unto thee" (Gen. 12: 1). To receive oneself radically from God is the fundamental objective of the novitiate experience.

*(To be continued...)*

*Brother Valère ADONSOU  
Gulf of Benin District*

# Child Protection: Douala

*To allow each work to implement its own policy of prevention and protection of children's rights, the District of Douala held a training session on Child Protection from July 29 to 03 August 2013 Okola near Yaounde.*



*Participants at the Training Session on Child Protection*

To implement this training whose theme is both delicate and topical, given the numerous abuses and abuse faced by children in schools and in families, the District of Douala mobilized senior experts involved in the handling of cases relating to the protection of children, especially within the Ministries in charge of Women and family, Social Affairs, and more generally, of legal assistance.

In general, the training was intended to immerse the participants with theoretical concepts, legal and regulatory framework and practical situations drawn from the daily experience of experts and participants on the protection of children. The purpose of the training was to equip participants with practical tools to identify, understand, appreciate and manage within their institution and in the light of data on the specific context of the Cameroon cases related to child protection.

Specifically, it is to raise awareness and familiarize learners from concrete examples expe-

rienced in the field of the various situations of child victims and vulnerable to abuse, risks and various dangers in the family and in schools (abuse, exploitation, violence...); provide participants with basic knowledge in legal matters on their protection and rights; familiarize the methods, approaches and procedures to identify, understand and manage cases of child abuse, cases that may occur in any educational community, define and / or enrich the guidance of the community of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in the area of child protection.

A wide range of stakeholders and officials (Brothers and lay), working in schools and various training centers run by the Brothers: (CEB Lasalle Lomié CETI Saint Joseph Diang, Kindergarten Bertoua, Centre Saint MUTIEN of Mbalmayo, CEGT Saint Joseph of Kélo, CTAP De La Salle of N'djamena, Brothers' community in Yaoundé, *Collège De Lasalle* of Douala, CELAFOP of Bertoua, CFPC DLS Douala, CDRT of Talba, *Secteur BATA*).



Given the fact that the training was aimed at adult audience and it enables the exchange of experiences among the participants, the teaching methods of training alternated between plenary sessions with workshops or group sessions and role plays .

In general, the training focused on two aspects: a theoretical aspect that generally comprised of the overall presentation on the concept of children and their protection as perceived by positive law, a practical aspect, the subject of the second part, which allowed participants to be in touch with the Cameroonian experience both through exchanges with major trainers, with work in workshops involving exercises (case studies) and RPGs.



In its theoretical part, it was all about identifying and determining the concept of children from conception to the majority age, and by extension, the psychological character of the concept of the child, to highlight its value and identify the various forms of violence and their manifestations. Participants were made aware on child protection seen from the Church point of view, presented by my Lord Paul Nyaga, Rector of St. Jerome Catholic University Institute of Douala.

Practical sessions based on the experience of

experts and learners allowed participants to deepen their understanding of abuses and evils undermining the society and mainly Cameroon in relation to the rights of children and their vulnerable situation that requires action and protection approaches. It took place in the form of workshops involving exercises and role plays. Indeed, throughout the week of training whether in the late morning or late evening, sufficient time was devoted to practical exercises. Each unit consisted of at least two exercises, and better understood by insiders role games and customized by the participants themselves. Which showed how participants appreciated the training and what they really learned.

The concern was and is to adopt one's own poli-



cy, not only in the District, but also and especially to allow the various institutions under the jurisdiction of the District of Douala to have their own Child Protection Policy. At the end of the training that was considered by everyone very rich and dense, the participants and the trainers did not hesitate to show their satisfaction with the content and the overall progress of the work. The training took place in a friendly and logistics mobilized were very appropriate to the entire training session.

*Brother Anatole DIRETENADJI*

## Douala District: 16th Chapitre

*The District of Douala held its 16th Chapter from August 5 to 7, 2013. Diang Community was the host where all the work and deliberations of the said chapter took place. Indeed, 22 Brothers Chapter members and 6 Lay partners took part in this important event. As a guest, we noted the presence of Brother Gabriel SOME, general counsel for RELAF.*

At the start of their meetings, the participants listened to the official opening words of the works by the Brother Visitor Blaise Djeukam followed by the word of Brother General Councillor for RELAF, Brother Gabriel SOME, and the report of the preparatory Commission. To conduct the work, officials of the chapter were elected: two moderators, two secretaries and regulatory. After the adoption of the schedule, the assembly had the opportunity to hear reports/record of Brothers Visitor and Bursar. There were reports covering the past three years

Both reports were followed by discussions between the Brothers. Along with them, lay people discussed the questionnaire sent to them.

From the debates and discussions emerged the central theme of the Chapter: ***"Live authentically the Lasallian Association in Educational and Ecclesial communities."***

Around this topic three commissions were formed: commission for Formation, Mission and Ministry, Consecrated life commission and communication, administration and self-sufficiency.

Given the time limit, each committee has given the best of itself to develop proposals according to a template adopted by the plenary session, proposals discussed, amended and voted for by the Chapter. These are priorities, challenges, resources and lines of action that have been identified and voted as proposals and project of living of the District for the next four years.

The last few hours were devoted to the election of members and alternate councillors and traditional Concluding Remarks, those of Brother Visitor and General Councillor who ended the 16th Chapter of the District of Douala.

*Brother Anatole DIRETENADJI*

## RELAF: Bursars' Training

*Douala District hosted a training workshop for RELAF Bursars and their Collaborators. This training Session is part of the ongoing Formation for Personnel and Managers of Centres and Apostolates of the De La Salle Brothers in RELAF.*



*Participants in the Training Session of RELAF Bursars*

It is in this context that the Lasallian Region of Africa, the Secretariat for Solidarity and Development and the District of Douala organized from July 22 to August 02, 2013, at the Centre of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) in Yaounde-Nkolbisson the said session on the theme "Development and Project Management."

The overall objective of the training was the contribution of knowledge and/or upgrading of the various actors in the field of "development and management of development projects."

Specifically, the mission had been to trainers: Transmit relevant and sufficient knowledge to design and organize the implementation of projects, enable learners to develop a device based on the operational management planning for projects and partnerships with stakeholders, provide participants with tools to perform logical analysis a priori and a posteriori analysis of the effects of a project and its impact; train participants to make efficient use of simple tools

to optimize device for project analysis.

Practically, the training was organized in two sessions: The first focused on the management of the project cycle with a particular emphasis on development projects or having a social character, and the second focused on the economic analysis and financial projects geared towards income generating projects.

At the beginning of the training, a case study was conducted on the field near the place of training and allowed trainees to collect data that were used in the implementation of the training provided.

The field visit also allowed learners to compare theory to practice: coming into contact with people, discover their environment, their activities, their problems and possibly offer them at the end of the year a document to assist them in developing a project or projects that can allow them to improve their condition and quality of life if necessary.

Training in its conception was desired to be quite interactive learning environment, enhanced by its own vision of the Church of process-projects oriented towards the fight against poverty in all its forms, and supplied with identified case and developed by the participants themselves.

Thereby teaching method adopted focused on participatory approaches, articulated on three pillars: the plenary presentations viewed, group work and restitution by the participants. The following teaching aids were used: Powerpoint projection, flipchart paper, writing, role playing, case studies and field visits etc..

The trainees came from 11 countries in sub-Saharan Africa in which the works of the Brothers of the Christian schools are located namely Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, the Democratic Republic of Congo , Rome, Burkina Faso, Togo, Benin, Rwanda.

In general, participants found organization of the training and the method used satisfactory. This method is very active, based on case studies alternated theoretical sessions and implementa-

tion by the participants (group work and plenary discussions). Indeed, they enjoyed rightly balanced between practical sessions and theoretical dosage. They also appreciated the fact that the training focused on their concerns and the basics they need to be more effective in a professional situation. In addition, the learners felt that the training objectives expectations were met.

However, they needed support in terms of coaching, coaching or monitoring for putting into practice the lessons learned. They felt that the duration of the training was insufficient. This is understandable given the heterogeneous nature of the group essentially linked to the large disparity in the level of basic knowledge and practical experience in project management.

In summary, this training will be enhanced if each participant in a professional situation implements the various tools developed because "practice makes perfect."

*Brother Anatole DIRETENADJI*



*Participants in the Training Session*

## Final Profession: Douala District

*The Cathedral of Moundou welcomed the beautiful celebration of the Final Profession of Brothers Guy Blaise Kameni, Emmanuel Benounga and Bertin Mbaiguedem, held on August 31, 2013. The ceremony was long before prepared by the Preparatory Commission assisted by the priest of the Cathedral Moundou Parish Priest and his Parishioners.*

Right from Saturday August 31 in the morning, faithful, friends, acquaintances and a large crowd from various backgrounds stormed the Cathedral. In the procession, we could see an impressive number of Concelebrants with the ordinary, Mgr KOURALEO Joachin, principal celebrant, not forgetting of course the three Brothers and their colleagues, altar boys, guides and a group of *traditional instrumentalists*. Just seeing the procession was easy to guess the sequence of events, especially since this was the first time that the Brothers of the Christian Schools, District of Douala organized Final Profession in Chad.

It was also the first time for Moundou People to discover Brothers in their black soutane, a curiosity for many of the faithful who thought that they were attending ordinations of Brothers. Fortunately, the Bishop of Moundou had found the right words in his homily to explain that this is a Religious Profession, the Brothers' mission in the Church and the sense of final commitment to follow Christ. The ceremony lasted almost four hours. There were some very moving moments, parents who could not hold back their tears, and above all, when before the final blessing, all the brothers went up to the altar and sang the hymn to Saint John Baptist



Br. Bertin, Br. Guy Blaise, Br. Visiteur, Br. Emmanuel

De La Salle, *the word of God that burns like a fire*. The Assembly was conquered, the *youyou* applause of women and children as well as dozens of Priests who discovered for the most part the Christian Brothers.

The Bishop of Moundou took this opportunity to reiterate his request to the Brother Visitor of the District of Douala to open a Community of Brothers in Moundou. A request that hope, he says, did not fall on deaf ears. After the mass, the celebration continued with fraternal meals in the neighborhood. Everything went well, and thankfully, the dreaded rain that was feared couldn't come that day.

*Brother Anatole DIRETENADJI*

# Inaugural Lecture

*On Thursday 17th October, 2013 the official opening of the academic year at the Catholic University of West Africa, University of Abidjan Unit (UCAO-UUA) was held.*



*Br. Emmanuel MBOUA (Photo archive)*

The ceremony was marked by two major events: the Mass presided by Bishop Jean Pierre KUTWAN, Archbishop of Abidjan and Vice-Chancellor of the said University, and the inaugural lecture by Brother Emmanuel MBOUA, Director of CELAF INSTITUTE and Lecturer of Moral Theology at UCAO-UUA.

It is necessary to emphasize this second event because it was the first time since the foundation of the University in 1978, a Brother of the Christian Schools is invited to give the inaugural lecture. It was before an audience of personalities among which the Ordinary, the Rector of the UCAO, the President and the Vice-President of the UUA, Deans and Directors of Institutes ... and an impressive crowd of Students of the said University that Brother presented the inaugural lecture on "***living together as a factor of development and success.***"

First of all, Brother pointed out the tension of "*unsocial sociability*" that man lives, the need to live together despite the attitudes of individualism and selfishness. More than a need, living together is a need to be understood.

Brother Emmanuel explored a three-way, three approaches as the basis of living together: the approach of discourse ethics by John Rawls and Jürgen Habermas, the historicist reading proposed by Charles Taylor, and the transcendence approach proposed by the Canadian Jesuit Bernard Lonergan. The speaker explained further this last approach. He presented the transcendence as the ability to overcome one's horizons of knowledge, to go beyond the limits of the scope of one's standards, knowledge, interests, values, values that the author is structured on three levels: personal fulfillment, relationships with others in a community and concern for the development of all of mankind.

The post election political crises in Africa showed purposely the difficulty for educated men in cultural values of their people to transcend the moral cultural backgrounds. Brother ended his presentation by noting that for Christians, the most effective transcendence weapon is love. Applause from the audience put an end to the inaugural lecture.

*Brother Rodrigue Toeppen.  
Saint Miguel community, Abidjan*

# JILP 2013: La Paix est possible

Peace is Possible: The theme of the 7th edition of the International Lasallian Days for Peace.

*"Yes, peace is possible if each one of us gets involved in seeking it out and in creating fraternal relationships.*

*It is possible when we place persons, all persons, above things.*

*It is possible if we make our own God's plan for humankind."* Br. Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría



Like every year, the Young Lasallian of Lycée Privé Stella Maris de Tamatave, in Antananarivo District did not miss to celebrate the International Lasallian Days for Peace with concrete actions for the most disadvantaged.

Yes, PEACE IS POSSIBLE if "... *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*" 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.

With Love and Tenderness, the Lasallian Youth of De La Salle High School, Stella Maris in Tamatave, Madagascar spent their afternoon on

Wednesday, October 16, 2013, with the Blind Children in SEJATO boarding school run by the Lutheran Church. One group of YL cleaned, past the mop and polished their room, another group were signing and having fun with them while another group of boys repaired and strengthened the gate of the boarding school. The time has passed quickly. Together, the Blind children and Young Lasallians shared some snacks. Before leaving SEJATO boarding school, our YL Group donated kitchen equipment.

The joy illuminated the faces of those children and those of our YLs who shared with them. What a beautiful and unforgettable experience for our YL Group!

*Mrs. Marie Josée,  
YL Coordinator*

*Lycée Privé Stella Maris, Tamatave*



# Brief Info

*The Visitors' Conference of the Francophone zone has appointed Brother Sylvain Consimbo Director of Inter-African Novitiate Bobo-Dioulasso. He replaces Brother Valère Adonsou and is in function since last September. Best wishes Brother!!!*

*Joseph Kubwimana has been appointed Director of IGED—Premier Cycle (Institute of Management Economics and Law ) at CELAF. This training program opened its doors since 2012-2013 academic year. Congratulations!*

*Brother Rodrigue Toeppen from Gulf of Benin District was appointed member of St Miguel Scholasticate community in Abidjan. He is part of the Formation Team and also a student in philosophy at UCAO. Good luck Brother!*

*Douala District held a extraordinary chapter of the last 25 to 27 October. This chapter was an opportunity to celebrate the union with the Lasallian Zone of Equatorial Guinea. Henceforth, the two entities now became the District of Central Africa. Féliciz!!!*

*The CIL session will be held in Rome from 28th October to 29th November 2013. The theme will focus on Pastoral Ministry of Vocations. The RELAF Regional team wishes the best experience to all the Brothers and Lay participants.*

*The RELAF Conference will be held at Scolasticat Saint Miguel, Abidjan from 4 to 6 November 2013. The Visitors and others invited the Centre of the Institute will take part in this meeting. Let us keep them in our prayers.*

## IN GOD'S GLORY

*"I adore in all things the holy Will of God in my regard "*

Two Districts of RELAF (Antananarivo and Congo Kinshasa) experienced the successive deaths of Brothers:



- \* RAZAKARINIVO Florent, died on 18th August 2013 in Tamatave and buried on 21th August 2013 in Soavimbahoaka, Antananarivo.
- \* RABAKOSON Jean Népomucène, died on 26th August 2013 in Ambohimangakely and buried on 28th August 2013. Soavimbahoaka, Antananarivo.
- \* LUZOLO Lembi Edouard, died on 20th September 2013 and buried at the Brothers' Cimetry, at *Centre Lasallien de Kinshasa*.

May their Souls rest in Peace!



# Calendars

## General Councilor (Br. Gabriel SOME)

October 10 – 13	Ouagadougou (Passport)
October 13 – 18	Gulf of Benin District
October 18—23	Ouagadougou
October 23 – 30	Douala District
November 1 – 3	Regional Office (Abidjan)
November 4 – 6	RELAF Conference (Abidjan)
November 7 – 9	Zone Francophone Conference
November 14 – 29	Rwanda Delegation
November 30 – Décembre, 10	Gulf of Benin District
December 10 – 18	Congo Brazzaville
December 18 – 28	Gulf of Benin District
Dicember 28 —January 31, 2014	Regional Office (Abidjan)

## Regional Bursar (Br. Anatole DIRETENADJI)

October 19– Novembre 3	District du Congo Kinshasa
November 4 – Novembre 6	Conférence de la RELAF (Abidjan)
November, 8 —	Bureau Régional (Abidjan)

## Other important dates

October 25 —27	Extraordinary Chapter: Douala District
November 4—6	RELAF Conference
November 7—9	Francophone Zone Conference
December 23—28	Gulf of Benin District Chapter