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Editorial

Dear Brothers and Lasalliens,

Half way through the season of Lent, we continue our journey towards Easter with perseverance in our various ways to prepare ourselves more intensely.

Indeed, this edition of RELAF Newsletter gives us a concrete example among many others on how to live this significant liturgical time through an act of generosity and solidarity with the most unprivileged. I am referring particularly to our Lasallian friends in La Salle College Badenya, who gave hope to orphans.

This issue gives also great importance to the various formations and meetings that took place in some Districts of our Region. These are evidence that formation is a great need for our respective Districts, most of which strive for self-sufficiency in terms of both personnel and self financing of our Lasallian works.

While it is important to be formed in this or that particular area, let us not forget the fact that investing in formation has a clear purpose of not only strengthening our own capabilities to better serve in the mission, but it also aims at empowering those we serve today and in the future.

Finally, we continue to receive updates from Lasallian Youth activities in our Region. These include some testimonies from lived experiences of Lasallian Youth in the Sector of South Africa, who organized a camp on from 7th to 9th March 2014.

May our daily efforts to witness our respective Lasallian commitments make fruitful the works that God entrusted to us and may our faith be strengthened to celebrate the risen Christ!

*Brother Michel TOLOJANAHARY
Regional Secretary*

DWA: Young Brothers' Meeting

The traditional meeting of Young Brothers in the District of West Africa (DWA) was held from 26 to 30 December 2013 in Nouna. This meeting brought together ten Young brothers who reflected on the theme: *"The Lasallian vocations and self sufficiency of our educational mission."* This theme is inspired by the challenges II and IV of our District Strategic Plan.

The meeting was marked by highlights such as: the retreat, the celebration of anniversaries of our two facilitators, sports, participation in the Silver Jubilee of Brother Jean-Baptiste COULIBALY's perpetual vows, and visiting families of some Brothers.

Facilitators:

Competent and experienced facilitators nourished their Young Brothers during these days: Brother Maxence SOME is known for his legendary silence and rigorous financial management; member of the District council, Director of La Salle Badenya. He was trained in computer sciences, design option.

Brother Jean-Luc Traore, still in the group of Young Brothers is the Director of Charles Lwanga Secondary School in Nouna. He was a member of the Committee on Revision of the Rule in its Phase 2. Known for his outspoken sense of initiative and innovation, he was trained in philosophy.

Providence willed that December 27 is the anniversary of their birth. The celebration was marked by the Morning Prayer and Eucharist, joyful and festive midday meal. During this meal, delicious food, and jokes have allowed Brothers to share meal in joy, entertaining and laughing out loud at times. Indeed, from mocking the hair loss to the shoes of each other through the drollery of community life, nothing escaped the arrows of humorists.

Sports:

As part of our entertaining activities, a volleyball game opposed two teams made up of ourselves, on December 27 at 16h 30. On this occasion, each one of us proved he has not buried his talent in sports, beginning with the senior member of the day, Brother Paul TOE, a great volleyball player ever. It was a wonderful relaxing time.



Young Brothers of the District of West Africa

Mass of thanksgiving in Tansila:

December 28, 2013, Brother Jean-Baptiste COULIBALY gave thanks to God on his Silver Jubilee of Perpetual Vows. These 25 years of grace, loyalty and service were celebrated in the Parish Church of Tansila where Brother Coulibaly was born. He was surrounded by around forty Brothers and Novices, nuns, priests and many Christians of the Diocesan Community. After the beautiful Eucharistic celebration presided by Bishop Joseph SAMA, who delivered a nourishing and lovely homily, local delicacies were served to the guests of Tansila. A festival masks organized by the population also amused them.

Visits to families:

On 28 December, leaving Tansila five Young Brothers, accompanied by Brother Jacob Sawadogo, went to his native village called Bonza. A very warm welcome was reserved by the Muslim family of our Brother. This welcome has quickly made us forget the tiresome road. The father of our Brother expressed his gratitude on behalf of the family saying: *"It is not the food that fills the belly of an old, it is the joy. And this night, I will sleep very happy because of the honor you have done us by coming here. Continue to live united ..."*

Sunday 29 December, five Young Brothers and a Postulant accompanied Brothers a Josué and Raoul TRAORE, through the new paved road to their families. In Bomborokuy, they attended Mass in which the priest welcomed the Young Brothers on behalf of the Christian community and also gave them a word. Brother Raoul thanked the priest for his pastoral care, praised the Christian community, presented the Brothers, wished a happy feast of the Holy Family and called for vocations on the assembly gathered.

In the afternoon, the group returned to the family of Brother Josué TRAORE. Upon departure, an uncle of Brother Josué, a skydiver commando, insisted to offer the group a pot during which which we were told words of wisdom, *"From the presentation, I noticed an ethnic diversity in the group. Make it richness. Once the Lord has called you to his service, forget the ethnic barriers. I worked in some countries deeply divided into North and SouthIt does not serve*

anyone and keeps you away from the mission that God has entrusted to you. The world is in your hands, if you hold it wrong, there will be weeping and wailing; if you hold it right, there will be only joy, peace and rejoicing. You have honored me by accepting to stop although the night was falling and you were in a hurry. Thank you." Let us not forget that the families of our Brothers Jacob Sawadogo, Dieudonné Kienou, Josué Traore and Raoul Traore were very welcoming and generous.

The content of the formation:

Working in groups and plenary discussions, we keep in mind that the Strategic Plan whose preparation involved all Brothers symbolizes the unity of vision of the District and is therefore a reference for each Brother in his act. Hence the young Brothers receive it positively. However, its implementation has not yet reached a satisfactory level given the disparities between communities. However, young Brothers have decided to get involved more intensively in the implementation of this document, particularly on the Lasallian vocation promotion, financial self-sufficiency of the District and building a Lasallian family in Burkina Faso.

The Strategic Plan, as system planning, had appeared to be an obstacle to divine providence to some senior Brothers, it is rather seen as an instrument to better live our consecration, to accomplish the mission and to grow in community. It is in this perspective that Brother Jean Luc Traore in his intervention talked about a common project, which requires obedience, transparency and brings fulfillment and efficiency.

In sum, the meeting was an opportunity for the Brothers to get together, of fraternity, rejoicing and to be engaged in the fight against ignorance in its various forms. Thank you to the organizers, the families of our Brothers, to the community in Nouna and to the Brother Visitor. God bless the fruit of the meeting and that of the visits! May He bring us many more holy vocations! May he bless all the Brothers of the District and all Lasallians with them in the fight for truth and the salvation of young people. May St. John Baptist de La Salle help us. Live Jesus in our hearts forever.

*Brother Raoul TRAORE
District of West Africa*

Some news from Lwanga District

Some statistics:

At the beginning of the year 2014 we would like to thank God for His blessings, love and mercy, to all the Formators for their dedication and generosity and to the Juniors (20), Postulants (14), Novices (20), Scholastics (21) and Brothers in temporary vows (6) for their willingness to let unfold God's gift in their personal lives in implementing well the Guide for Formation of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa. In addition, we have 2 Scholastics from the District of West Africa, 5 Scholastics and 1 Student Brother from the Delegation of Rwanda, and 1 Scholastic from the District of Antananarivo.

Ethiopian Sector: Solidarity Assembly

Four Brothers, i.e. Brothers in temporary vows and in the first two years of final vows, participated in this yearly Assembly that took place at the La Salle Retreat Centre in DebreZeit, Ethiopia, at the beginning of February 2014. This yearly Assembly of Young Brothers takes place also in the other Sectors of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa.



The first day was animated by Brother Marc on the District Development Policy. The theme was initiated with two pictures: a boat with people that symbolized the Ethiopian Sector with the pertinent question: are we not in one and the same boat? Vow of association, and an exhausted and preoccupied banker surrounded with files and computer that symbolized the Ethiopian Sector on the road to self-sufficiency in economic resources with the pertinent question: do we have a common vision and a common future? Vow of stability.

This was followed by a reflection on a brief history of Lasallian Expansionism with its three main stages marked by different outlooks and perspectives of the agents of its expansionism. It helped us to understand better the background of today's Finance and Development Policy of the Institute since the 42nd General Chapter (1993) and of today's Finance and Development Policy of the Charles Lwanga District of Africa.

The next two days were animated by Brother Marc on behalf of Brother Anton Oloo and of Brother Patrick Obama who participated in the International Assembly of Young Brothers that took place in the Philippines. We had a very lively, insightful and open-minded discussion on the major texts and declarations of this important Assembly. We had the opportunity to share our own ideas, concerns, convictions and hopes with one another.

Excellent academic results:

St. Joseph's School in Eritrea and De La Salle College in South-Africa excelled in their recent national exams!

St. Joseph's School was once again among the top Schools in the external exams of Grade 8 and in the Grade 12 Matriculation Exams (ESLCE). St. Joseph's School has again emerged at the top in both grades country wise.

We are so happy and proud to announce

that our school stood first in the National Examination of Grade 8 by passing 100% and second or third in the Grade 12 Matriculation Exams by passing 81.4% of its students.

De La Salle Holy Cross College in Victory Park had a tremendous result – 100% and all its students qualified for University Entrance. One student achieved 11 A's (Distinctions). A Distinction means 80%+. Most students take only 6 subjects.

Habit Taking at the Novitiate:

As our Institute celebrated the Feast of St. Mutien-Marie on the 30th of January, the Novitiate in Nairobi honored the feast with a habit taking ceremony of 8 novices (Amanuel Seifu and Solomon Tobias - Ethiopia, James Mutunga and Michael Otieno - Kenya, Cornelius Ilozue, Godwin Atoo, Peter Obi and Moses Orbunde - Nigeria). Some members of the Scholasticate and Provincialate Communities were present to grace the occasion. In the absence of the Brother Visitor, the Auxiliary Visitor, Brother Gabriel Griffin, presided over the investiture.



DAO: Formation for Bursars

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, was held at the Provincialate in Bobo-Dioulasso, a training session for Bursars of the District of West Africa. The aim of this formation was to provide Bursars with necessary tools for good management of District resources. They have been instructed on the steps in developing budget, the identification of different types of accounting records and archiving, and finally the identification of different types of withholding tax, their calculation and the penalties in case of failures.

This formation came after a great number of young Bursars, recently appointed, had trimester training. This made the discussions fruitful since questions to the experts-trainers, emerged from real difficulties and experiences. Thank you to the Brother Visitor and members of the Economic Council for organizing this training in support of Bursars, to allow the harmonization of practices and tools, and professionalize the management of works. This was to achieve self-management. The training was facilitated by two members of Georges Ouattara Cabinet.

*Brother Raoul TRAORE
District of West Africa*



Participants at the formation for Bursars

Antananarivo: Towards self financing

From February 23 to 26 in Soavimbahoka, Antananarivo District organized a seminar on organizational development, resource mobilization for self-financing. The seminar involved Directors and District councilors, and it was intended to raise awareness to awaken consciousness and is part of the realization of one of the 16th District Chapter lines of action. It was conducted by the AGV group (Accomplishment of Great Vision).

The two words that inspired this seminar from the first day until the end, it was "Theory and practice," said the facilitator as "Theory without practice is empty and practice without theory is blind." This statement does not mean, of course, that the blind do not succeed, but they grope in the dark. Thus the facilitator heckled us again on the need for training must have Brothers as it raises the question: how many of our leaders guide us without crossing the course, such as school leadership to lead their members. How many of our leaders have passed through higher education but do not practice what they have learned? From this follows the objective of this seminar: *raising awareness of the congregation and its members from of the personal development to organizational development.*

This seminar has formed us according to the theory from promoting personal development to organizational development. The theory of 3P: People give to People to help other People crowned the explanation of this theme. It also allowed us to see the causes of poor organization, poor organization and good organization. Many things have been said but summarizing we say that if we fail to control our situation, we

can be controlled by it. This applies to all our activities in the District. To illustrate this, if we fail to control the money, it will control us.

From this seminar, we also learnt the interaction between **vision** and **mission**, **mission** and **objectives**, **goals** and **Strategic Plan**, **Strategic Plan** and **activities**. Leaders Managers of this vision must take a lot of time for reflection and conception. Then, technicians and members assume in turn the realization in solidarity with Leaders managers.

In addition, we discussed the 6 conditions of self financing. It is **common vision**, **clarity**, and **known to everyone**. This is also conditioned by **effective** and **efficient human resources**. Members of the De La Salle congregation of the District of Antananarivo should have positive social image and credibility then promote multiple income sources. Preferably, we will create a resource of income from ourselves and also from our national and international benefactors, Religious or non-Religious. This requires a Strategic Plan. It thus calls for the principle of Leadership and effective and efficient Management. It is essential then that we have an honest Leader, delicate to be a man of confidence and dedication.

Can we say something else? Yes of course. A question arises: how to increase a revenue generating activity? We need to create credibility and our own positive self-image and that of the congregation.

Then maximize the involvement of human resources in the direction to develop their full potential (talents, special skills, expertise with knowledge, experiences, ideas, intelligence and especially creativity).

Also cultivate the spirit of multiple tasks, which is to be versatile. Promote the use of property and infrastructure in a cost effective and beneficial way for the District. This implies a meaningful assessment of our decision regarding the proper use of these goods and the infrastructure or reflection for new acquisitions. Everything must be done legally, with security and insurance. Ensure a social enterprise by developing the theory of 5Ps: Products, targeted People, purchase and sale Price, Promotion or Publicity (advertising).

To make an effort to self-supplier: we need to identify our needs and we will be able to self-provide. Reciprocity service is required on the part of recipients and donors. Be proactive in mobilizing funds a generator of revenue, for example:

purchase of values so that our money does not remain only in the bank. Ensure mutual exchange to the service of donation. Highlight the place of our spirituality: passion for God, passion for humanity.

We have to know the causes of our change from situation analysis, multiple diagnostic (strength and weakness and threat, determining what to change). All members must all be focused on the common vision. An effort for continuing formation seems important for all the Brothers to read from the same page. Seize the opportunity. Know how to manage resistance to change.

*Brother Jean de Dieu RANDRIANASOLO
District of Antananarivo*



Participants à la session de formation

DAO: Thesis Defense



Frère Simon Pierre TRAORE

Since Saturday 8th February, 2014, the young Secretary of the West African District, Br. Simon Pierre TRAORE, left the rank of "undergraduate" for "Masters". Indeed, that day, Brother Simon Peter, with his legendary se-

renity, defended his thesis in Modern Literature before a jury consisting of eminent Lecturers at the University of Ouagadougou.

The theme of his thesis is: "Intertextuality in '**Une Flamme dans le noir**'" (A flame in the dark) of Ansomwin HIEN. This "old chief" or "old slave" whose work Brother Simon Peter had been working on is the author of about twenty works, including "*Une Flamme dans le noir*", published in 2007.

This novel "*deals with a problem related to marital conflict where love, forgiveness and peace are struggling to establish, making room for hatred, suspicion, betrayal and revenge.*" It has attracted the attention of Brother Simon Pierre, because it deals with issues related to daily life of people, especially young people of which he is as an educator by vocation. He was surrounded by members of his family, friends, fellow students, Lasallians and Brothers when defending thesis in Modern Literature, *Literary Criticism* option.

Brother Simon Pierre after deliberation by the jury was declared **Maître es-lettres** with honors (16/20). Congratulations "Maître" and good luck for the future.

Brother Raoul TRAORE
District of West Africa



Center: Brother Simon Pierre with the Jury

Antananarivo: Fête de Saint Miguel

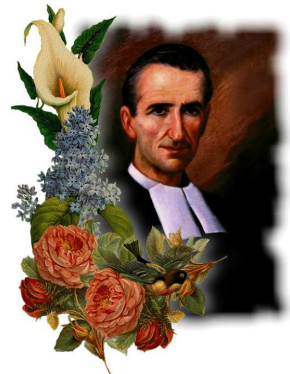
This Sunday, February 9, 2014, the Postulancy community in Soavimbahoaka celebrated the feast of its patron saint, st FEBRES MIGUEL CORDERO, Ecuadorian. Briefly, FEBRES FRANCISCO CORDERO was born on November 7, 1854 in Cuenca (Ecuador). He took the habit of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in the name of Brother MIGUEL. He died February 9, 1910 in Premia de Mar, Pope Paul VI elevated him to the catalog of the Blessed. The Holy Father John Paul II canonized him on October 21, 1984.



On this occasion the Holy Mass of thanksgiving was held in our Chapel of Saint John Baptist de La Salle Soavimbahoaka and was led by Reverend Father Jean Marie, a Diocesan Father, and our chaplain.

After Mass, we headed to our party room for a fraternal agape, in the presence of Dear Brother Visitor, Auxiliary Visitor, Brothers from other communities, and sisters as well as the postulants of Guadalupe De La Salle.

The celebration was opened with "kabary" (speeches) and wishes, made by Brother Director of the Postulancy and the applicant. During the meal, the Postulants happily demonstrated their enthusiasm and talents by performing songs, dances and skits: first, the hymn of St. Miguel, all Postulants were singing, dancing, then those of second year in turn performed a song of Jean Claude Giannada entitled "*live Jesus in our hearts*" and postulants of the first year were dancing. The Sisters' Postulants also showed their talent in dancing with the song "Dibo-kafaliana" in honor of Blessed Rafiringa. Finally, the Postulants also presented very entertaining skits.



Personally, I would say that the celebration of St. Miguel Day was beautiful and very good. It is an unforgettable memory in the history of our community. May God give us the necessary graces we need in our vocational journey through the intercession of Saint Miguel. May the various formations help us do the will of God with His free and boundless love.

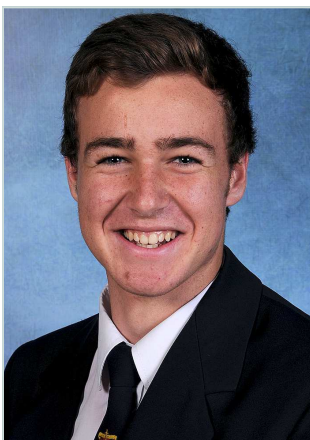
LAVA Jean Délar
Postulant 2nd Year

South Africa: Lasallian Youth Camp



*"This year's Lasallian Youth Camp was a truly wonderful weekend. I had so much work before and I thought that I would never be able to finish it on time but with God's help I completed my work with enough time to pack. This year I was co-facilitating with Caitlin. Co-facilitating was so amazing that I didn't even mind waking up to attend the meetings. The one on one were so special as I got to connect and be there for people in all aspects of their lives that were troubling them. I was so afraid to then pray over my group members, but as soon as Caitlin and I prayed for the area we were having the pray over to be freed of evil spirits, all the fear was immediately drained. When I started to pray over the participants the words flowed and I didn't stumble as I had feared. It was amazing to be an instrument of God's work and a channel for the Holy Spirit. My views on the Holy Spirit were completely changed as I found myself experiencing His work. After the pray s I felt so light and happy that when I went to the praise party it was different. God was present as we sang the songs and I felt like the songs were more focused on him and nothing else mattered. I really enjoyed this camp as my faith has grown and I just cannot wait until the next one.." - **Grace Boroughs***

*"During this Lasallian Youth camp I was able to learn how special it is to team up with fellow Christians to walk our spiritual journeys together. I learnt so much from listening to older past pupils during their talks, and was also so inspired by younger pupils who shared their experiences with me. Everybody realised that we all had an equal amount to gain from this camp, but also an equal amount to give, no matter how comparatively young or inexperienced we may be. An atmosphere was created that was safe and full of love, and I think that we all managed to find support in one another as, together, we tried to come closer to God. " - **Caitlyn Mahony***



*"This LSY was a serious but fun bonding experience with not only my friends and new friends it was a bonding experience with God Himself and from all the talks I really felt as if they were speaking directly to me. Everything that was mentioned is relevant to my life right now. I want to thank all the teachers involved and all the participants that made the weekend so special. -**Chad Hawkins***

*"The experience with God that I had on this weekend was indescribable. The work of God is breathtaking and was so clear on the camp. I made new friends, grew closer to old ones, took on the challenge of forgiveness and managed to accomplish it and most of all got closer to God. Thank you to everyone on the camp!" - **Beth Ribeiro***

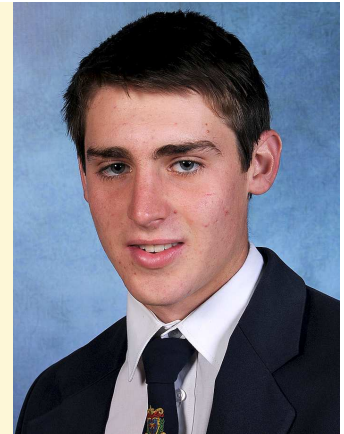


"This Lasallian Youth camp was truly one of the most Beautiful and Special Spiritual experiences of my life. I truly did grow closer to God!!! Being a co-facilitator was a very different experience as you are now one of God's little soldiers, helping the junior Lasallian Youth members to strengthen their relationship with God! This Lasallian Youth camp brought me closer to my friends as well because we were all there for the same reason, to Praise and Worship God.."

Kristin Solomon

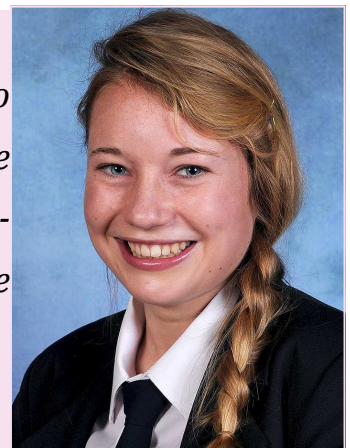
"My first LSY camp was at Heronbridge and it was quite nice to return to the same venue.

I really enjoyed the camp and I thought that it was very well executed. I understand that a lot of work is put in to run such an event. Collecting money, consent form and shirt sizes months before to compiling kit lists and remembering the small items that are needed like a box on matches, in not easy. I enjoyed being on a co - leader. The music on Saturday was fantastic. Thank you for the awesome camp.." - James Goodhead



The Lasallian youth camp was honestly one of the most special weekends I have ever had , it was one where I was not able to only encounter Christ in group sharing's but also in having one-on-ones with people in my group and the pray overs . The Pray overs were most certainly the most amazing part of my entire weekend, I was able to forget about myself and my problems and pray for others with the Holy Spirit leading the way and guiding me through. I will honestly never forget what this camp has taught me, the new friends I have made and the bond I have strengthened with my second family, it is so easy to say that the love and support felt with in this group of loving people is actually indescribable, I have learnt that we don't all just believe in God, but also each other and help one another to follow Christ and take our rightful place as a child of God. - Ashleigh McMullen

"Everytime I go for a Lasallian Youth Camp it is like going to a spiritual spa for the weekend where I am cleaned by the Holy Spirit and return rejuvenated. This camp did not dissappoint with the weekend being the most special experience shared with God and his family." - Candice Elliott





“Doing random acts of kindness to people within your community and nominating others to do the same?”

Two pupils from De La Salle Holy Cross College Victory Park (Candice Elliott and Tshepo Mawer) have taken the concept of Nek Nominations and changed it to make a difference in people’s lives.

Once a person has been nominated that person has a week to do a random act of kindness in their community, record their act and post it on the Facebook page. They then in turn nominated three other people to do the same.

To find us on Facebook look up ‘*Impact Nominations*’ or search www.facebook.com/impactnominations on your internet URL.

‘In a gentle way, you can shake the world’

Mahatma Gandhi

La Salle Badenya: Visit to orphanages



Pupils arriving at Kisito Home



Handing over the donations at Kisito Home

The Lasallian Primary School, Lasalle Badenya of Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso organized a collection of soap and Omo from February 1 to 28, 2014 to help two orphanages in the city of Ouagadougou and another orphanage Bobo Dioulasso.

This was intended to support their orphan friends. It was also a way of living their Lasallian spirit at this time of Lent, a time of sharing, and a time to love.

A delegation of students accompanied by some teachers and Director went to give out the donations collected:

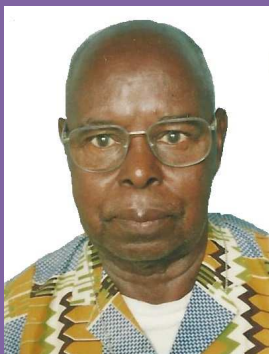
On Monday, March 10, 2014 at 8 am at the orphanage Home Kizito run by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Ouagadougou (CIS)

On Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 8 am at St. Therese of Loumbila orphanage run by the Missionary Sisters of Africa.

*Brother Maxence SOME
District of West Africa*



In the Father's Glory



Brother Sogsob Zacharie Alphonse SOMDA was born in around 1930 in Dalgane. Administratively, Dalgane was part of Diébougou. The ecclesiastically, it was the Diocese of Bobo-Dioulasso. Son of Janvier SOME Marguerite SOMDA, he says that his mother was giving birth to 8 or 9 children. But officially, he is the 2nd born of four children (three boys, one girl). Others died at early stage of their life.

It was after his baptism on 13th May 1939 that Zacharie had the desire to devote his life to God. He recounted his journey as follows:

"I started my aspirancy in the Brothers of Saint Joseph in Dano in 1945 under the leadership of the late Father Nadal. Then in 1947 I joined Nasso where I did 3 years of Postulancy. Then I entered the novitiate in September 1949. My First vows took place September 8, 1951, the date of the tragic death of my dad.

After my vows I was sent to Nouna with 5 other colleagues in 1951. In 1952 I joined Nasso where I contributed building houses for the seminarians and for the Sisters of the Annunciation of Bobo. In 1953 I participated in the foundation of the post in Orodara. In 1955 I was sent to Toussiana in Christian Brothers to start my studies at the age of 25."

Of his life in this diocesan congregation, here are some excerpts from his testimony to Brother Theophane Elola. It was during the construction of the foundation of the post in Orodara: "To accelerate the work, we had to wake up at 4am to manufacture bricks, and that was for 4 months. After the bathroom, followed by half an hour of meditation, we ate a cold 'tô' with sauce that we used to warm in turn."

"We only used to eat meat and rice twice a week. Also, we tried to go hunting from time to time. So one day, after work at around 18 pm, I asked permission to go hunting at night. Theophane Elola volunteered to accompany me. Unfortunately, we only caught a little hare. On our way back, Theophane followed me from behind. I had a loaded gun. . , as I was walking I had mistakenly put my finger on the trigger, and then the gun went off. Trembling with fear, I turned to see if Theophane was not lying on the ground, thank God, he had his eyes closed with both hands, still holding the damn rabbit. Yes, his time had not yet arrived and it was good for me."

The Congregation of St. Joseph having been dissolved in 1956, the Bishop allowed us to enter a congregation of our choice. Then all three (Theophane Elola, Michel Mosse and I) we opted the Brothers of the Christian Schools."

They were welcomed in 1957 and all three recommenced their Postulancy in Toussiana.

October 26, 1958: Habit Taking in Toussiana.

31 May 1959: First Vows. He took the name Brother Alphonse. After his success in BEPC in 1961 he was sent to community in Ouagadougou in 1962 after 3 months of commitment and six months of pedagogy in Toussiana.

08 September 1964: Perpetual Vows in Toussiana.

1961-1962: Scolasticate in Toussiana.

1962-1967: De La Salle Community in Ouagadougou and teacher at La Salle Primary School.

1968-1974: Resident in the seminary Sakabi Bobo-Dioulasso (current inter-African Novitiate FEC).

1974-1985: Community Toussiana: teacher at the mixed Primary School A in Toussiana for 2 years, then Director of the school for 9 years (1976-1985)

1985-1987: Formation on catechism in France followed by studies at Saint Antoine School of Agriculture in Lyon (France)

1987-1991: Community in Diébougou where he the College Pierre Kuka Bursar.

1991-2014: Community in Toussiana

On 15 January 1992, he underwent a prostate surgery.

On 12 September 2006: he underwent another surgery at SANOU Souro Bobo hospital, this time a hernia. The surgery was conducted by Colonel Targuet Ouattara. He says: well done operation! Care provided by Mrs. Sirima Edwige. Service very well.

On 22 November 2013 he was admitted to the Sanou Sourou Bobo hospital after a fall. He left the hospital on December 10 to continue the treatment and convalescence at the Provincialate.

On Thursday, January 16, 2014 at around 10, he left us forever to reach the heavenly home.

Through the mercy of God, may our Brother Zacharie rest in peace!