
"Let the holiness of God shine forth" (cf. Mt 5, 16)

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"I promise....."

On Saturday, 15 Aug, vigil of the feast of the Assumption of Mary, the province of *St. Paul, Apostle* in Brazil, celebrated the perpetual profession of five confreres: **Edinilson Santos** (Bahia), **Emerson Cavalcante** (São Paulo), **Fernando Rigão** (Paraná), **Geovane Souza** (Bahia) and **Sergilson Brandão** (Maranhão).



The solemn Eucharistic celebration took place at the parish of *Queen of Apostles*, close to the Pallottine theologate, with the participation of a great number of faithful. In a strong fraternal spirit, Pallottine priests, brothers, diocesan priests and religious gathered together for this celebration. During his homily, the Provincial Rector, Fr. José Elias Fadul, emphasised the beauty of celebrating this perpetual consecration in the *Year of Consecrated Life* and in the third week of August when the church in Brazil prays for religious vocations. The Lord of the harvest who has called each of these confreres to follow him in the spirit of the Union, has confirmed them for his mission. The St. Paul Province thanks God because five more young confreres have decided to follow Jesus Christ according to the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti.

The Province is blessed with many vocations at the moment. During the last three years we had fifteen priestly ordinations out of which two are collaborating with the mission of the North American *Province of the Immaculate Conception* in Peru and one in Brooklyn, USA. There is a growing desire among the younger members of the Province to go forth in the spirit of interprovincial collaboration. Therefore, we need to continue to ask the Lord of the harvest to send us more workers in his vineyard.



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Cameroon professions and ordinations

final professions at Mfoundi-assi [25 Jun]:

This year's <set of consecrated life> is the catchphrase that the Regional, Fr. Joseph Jules Nkodo sac, gave to our six new finally professed at *SS Peter and Paul* parish, Mfoundi-assi. On the eve of Friday 25th June they proclaimed their commitment in the *Year of Consecrated Life*.

In the accompanying Mass, concelebrated by a General Consulter from Rome Fr. François Harelimana SAC and 20 other Pallottines, Fr. Joseph welcomed all who came to share in the celebration and thanked God for the gift of these six young men, who were offering their life eternally to God in the Union of the Catholic Apostolate. In front of their families and friends he spoke about the realities of consecrated life, its challenges, obligations and rights. "It is a call from God to follow Christ closely ...rooted in baptismal consecration ... to live only for God, renouncing the world..."

As the celebration concluded Luc Armand Atangana Mekongo, on behalf of the newly professed, thanked almighty God, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, and their individual families and friends. This in turn was followed by much joy, singing and dancing!



ordinations – diaconate and priesthood – at Mvolyé [27 Jun]:

Those in theological formation here in Cameroon are accommodated at *Maison Pallotti*, in Yaoundé. They travel each day to **St. Cyprian Theological Institute** in Ngoya, about 20 kms away. Their course comprises 5 years, 4 of theology and 1 of apostolic work. Diaconate ordination is normally after third year theology and priestly ordination after fourth year theology.

A special gift of prophecy was not necessarily needed, for anyone passing by the holy hill of Mvolyé as early as 7 am on 27th June, to realize that a major event was about to take place at the *Basilica of Our Lady Queen of the Apostles* [pictured]. The atmosphere was created by the numerous cars and an uncommon crowd made up of priests, religious men and women, laity, photographers, media and even those present for economic reasons.

Indeed something great was happening. The Church was blessed as the Lord called and sent *fifty one* laborers into His vineyard. Forty deacons and eleven priests from various religious congregations and societies of apostolic life were ordained by His Lordship Faustin Ambassa Ndjodo, Bishop of Batouri.



In a special way, it was a day of grace and happiness for the Holy Trinity Region Cameroon-Nigeria – six of our brothers were ordained as deacons and four as priests [Frs Patrice Dieudonné Ateba Bende, Francis Christian Medou, Guy Désiré Nidha Dikelel and Daniel Eric Mebara].

After Mass Pallotti House became the next center of attraction. All gathered around with the Bishop, the Regional and of course the newly ordained together with their families, friends and well-wishers. The feast continued till late in the evening, brought to an end with solemn vespers and benediction led by the newly ordained priests and deacons, following which they laid their hands on everyone in silent prayer.

We give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of this day and pray that He continues to send laborers into His vineyard not only in quantity but also in quality.

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on #183 Congratulations to the three Cenacle sisters for their good will and missionary spirit which made them to go to Peru and to face all challenges in the missions there. May God be with them in their ministry and make their ministry joyful & fruitful. I am also touched by the sister on the bicycle who courageously helped 1000s of women in Congo to come out of their tragic conditions. God bless her and her mission. **MK 01.09.15**

Many thanks ...for the continuing editions of the E Bulletin. The achievements of our brothers and sisters often in very difficult circumstances are inspiring, and also keep me in touch with our Pallottine world. **JK 03.09.15**