



Société de Marie – Society of Mary

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*District d'Afrique - District of Africa
B.P. 185, C.106, Yaoundé – Cameroun*

Merry Christmas 2021 and Happy New Year 2022

Fr. Charles Mbara Apéké.



The Marist Fathers in Africa wish you Merry Christmas 2021 and Happy New Year 2022.

Launching of the Marist vocation year at Yaoundé-Obili with priestly ordination of father Charles Mbara Apeke



Several activities have been scheduled .



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The district inaugurated on December 4, 2021 the Marist Vocations Year with the priestly ordination of

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A MARIAN CHURCH

Beginning a new church

I would like to plead for a Marian Church; not for a church which multiplies processions and blesses huge statues... rather a Church which "lives the Gospel after the manner of Mary."

François Marc, sm

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers."²⁷
Acts 2: 42

"Let us not use bombs and guns to overcome the world. Let us use love and compassion. Peace begins with a smile."

Mother Teresa

A monthly leaflet is being produced by the young lay Marist group, for personal and community reflection .

End of the Cerdon novitiate in Africa

- For the past two years, the District received an authorization to have a Cerdon Novitiate house in Africa. We thank once again the Superior General and his council for the confidence, the support and the accompaniment in this experience. The last group of 5 novices will end their novitiate on December 31, 2021.



A new car for Voundou

The Fathers and the parish community of Voundou express their gratitude to the Superior General and his Council for the donation of a new car for the mission.



The construction of the parish church continues at Voundou

Official promise of lay marists

Some lay Marists made their official promise.



Burundi

A new community (mission)

Since September 12, 2021, three Marist fathers (Déo, Kosema and Modeste) are the pioneers of a new Marist missionary presence in Bujumbura in Burundi. Here is the postal address:

Marist Fathers, Saint Joseph Musaga Community, B.P 987, Bujumbura, BURUNDI.

This mission is essentially a formal and informal educational mission for young people in the underprivileged district of Musaga.

The construction of a building probably for a future



Marist school for technical training in computer science and a meeting space is underway.

According to school statistics, there are 692 Muslims and 166 Catholic Christians. The Jean Claude Colin Marist school in Ndiakhirate constitutes a field for educating people in living together and in interreligious dialogue.



- The confreres participated in the perpetual profession of sister Mélanie MIBURO, SMSM in Ngozi

Senegal

Since the beginning of this school year, the *Jean Claude Colin Marist school in Ndiakhirate* has 858 students. The number continues to increase following the good results in the various national examinations.

