

SOS AFRICA

Faith without borders

Special report

SOS AFRICA

at the European Parliament

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Schools choosing SOS Africa as their leitmotiv during Lent

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Faithful on Sunday for Mass.



The editorial By Jean-Benoît de Lacoste,
president of the association

An active association! *For a Mission in progress*

While France slows down owing to the extra days off of the month of May, and the endless transport strikes, our association shines forth more and more thanks to courageous MEPs and missionary schools. During these last months, we have thus been able to :

- Make a speech at the European Parliament of Strasbourg on the 18th of April, at the request of Marie-Christine Arnautu, Member of the Parliament for the Europe of Nations and Liberties (ENL) Group. In the company of a missionary priest and of another association, it was a good occasion to rouse the interest of the Members, to tell them about the situation of the Christians in Nigeria, and to ask for their help! Mrs Arnautu allows us to extend this conference in this newsletter.

- Take advantage of the generosity of the seventeen schools of the Dominican sisters of Fanjeaux, who chose SOS Africa as the leitmotiv of their Lent. Thanks to the contribution of their hundreds of pupils, those schools have been able to help us spiritually, discover Nigeria, and gather funds for Catholic Missions through our association.

Let us go on helping Africa, now more than ever, thank you to all our generous benefactors, whether occasional or regular. Be assured of the involvement and devotion of the whole team of volunteers.

THE MISSION IN NUMBERS

VOCATIONS:

3 SEMINARIANS
1 POSTULANT BROTHER
6 SISTERS

157

CONFIRMATIONS

COMMUNIONS:

ABOUT 1800
PER MONTH

BAPTISMS:

293

\$3,5

THE DAILY FOOD IN
PRIORY

CONFESSIONS:

ABOUT 200
PER MONTH

Pictures of the Mission

Daily life, and our progressing projects



Daily life, and our progressing projects. Study of the plans with the architect.



Sunday lunch for a missionary!



Preparation of the altar flowers.



The Construction

We are, at last, about to finish the detailed plans of the Mission. It takes time because, in order to provide for the future, we have made up our minds to work on the complete and final project even though, for the first few years, we will content ourselves with a part of it only.

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We still have to submit the plans for verification. Then, God willing, we will finally be able to “start” using the pickaxe, even though we actually started already in order to make the land secure by surrounding it with a large wall! Let me take advantage of this occasion to thank once more our generous and regular benefactors who render possible this almost miraculous undertaking amidst so many difficulties. I can assure them of the many and grateful prayers of our courageous faithful and of their poor missionaries



SOS AFRICA at the European Parliament

Our young association SOS Africa was invited to the European Parliament on April 18, on the occasion of a conference organized by Marie-Christine Arnautu, Member of the European Parliament for the Europe of Nations and Liberties Group (ENL).

The deputy started the conference by insisting on the importance of helping the Christians, often forgotten but much persecuted in Africa and in Nigeria particularly. Father Duverger (the former superior of the SSPX district of Africa) then told us about the history of evangelization in Africa and the growing influence of Islam, which nowadays threatens the populations. Guillaume Guennec, for his part, presented the many undertakings of his association, "Open Doors", which keeps a record of all the acts of violence committed against Christian people, and helps the latter on all continents. Finally, Jean-Benoît de Lacoste presented SOS Africa and the actual projects of construction of a church and school in Enugu, asking for help to the many MEPs and guests present in the audience.

Mrs Arnautu agreed to answer our questions after this eventful day in Strasbourg:

**Good morning,
Why did you choose to
organize a conference in the
European Parliament on the
Christians of Africa and of
Nigeria in particular?**

*It was not until the awful
massacres of the Islamic State
in the Middle-East that the
West started to become slightly
aware of the Christians' tragic
fate in the East. Yet, in Africa,
the situation of Christian
communities confronted to
the Islamist threat is too often*

*forgotten, or unknown. Even
in our milieu, one is after little
aware of what they suffer.*

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*It seemed important to me
to echo in the European
Parliament the voice of the
Christians persecuted in
Africa, and more especially of
those of Nigeria, who paid a
heavy tribute with their own
blood, these last years. Even
more so as we also, Christians
by heart or culture in the
Western world are doomed
to face the same situation if
our societies keep on naively
turning a blind eye to radical
Islamism...*

**Have you had any personal
contact with Africa?**

*Not with Africa, but with a few
African countries, yes, since
I have had occasion to spend
some time in South Africa.
My knowledge of this vast
continent is therefore limited,
but usefully completed by the
reading of Africanists such as
Bernard Lugan.*

**Is it possible for the
European Parliament to
help Africa concretely
today?**

*The Members of the European
Parliament should first start
acknowledging the truth, and
stop deluding themselves.
Distributing aid or imposing*

liberal democracy and the rights of man such as we have them in the West, will not solve the African problems as if by magic. The destabilization of Lybia after the war conducted by the Sarkozy-BHL duo obviously sets forward the nonsense of international, moralizing points of view. The European institutions have their hands bound by their rights-of-man logic and it is easy for Africans to play on its postcolonial sense of guilt.

in paradigm is necessary, together with the organization of lasting, concrete and viable partnerships in agriculture, healthcare, education, formation, taking into account the ethnic, religious and cultural specificities or African societies. In short, enable Africans to live in their own countries by respecting their identities, and dissuade them from wishing to join the fake European Eldorado.

Reste aux députés réels remains for the Members of the European Parliament who are really concerned by these questions the possibility to promote and make known such associations as SOS Africa or Open Doors, which concretely help Africans and thus contribute to settle the populations on their home lands.

« The Members of the European Parliament should first of all start acknowledging the truth »

The Members of this Parliament must have, at last, the courage to oppose the Commission, its policy in favor of immigration and free trade which uproot populations and is the ruin of local cultures. The Parliament is sometimes (but too seldom) critical about free trade with Africa, yet its official positions concerning immigration are very often more politically correct than those coming from the Commission!

Today, the European Union policy encourages African immigration. It is not a solution! Aids to development should be accompanied by the inversion of the migratory influx, should contribute to regional stability and set up trustworthy African elites, which supposes that money should not end up in the pocket of corrupted leaders. A change

Flayer for the conference to the Deputes ▼

Cycle de conférences de la délégation FN au Parlement européen

NIGÉRIA : COMPRENDRE LES FRACTURES ETHNIQUES, RELIGIEUSES ET POLITIQUES



MERCREDI 18 AVRIL 2018 DE 17H À 19H

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Guillaume Guennec de l'association Portes Ouvertes



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Parlement européen

Un cocktail sera servi à l'issue de la conférence

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SOS AFRICA in Fanjeaux and in the sixteen other houses of the congregation



Dominican Sisters helping the Mission. ▲

For the first time 17 Catholic schools adopted SOS Africa as their leitmotiv during Lent. Each school received a kit containing the presentation brochures of the association, the newsletters and the items necessary for the making of hundreds of rosaries. The Dominicans in charge of these schools tell us...

In Fanjeaux, this year, Lent starts under the Nigerian flag! Welcomed in the refectory by a large "SOS Africa" board, the students discover Nigeria, a Catholic mission country surrounded by Islam. The video presentation of the apostolate of the Society of Saint Pius X allows us to discover more about this Christian African community, and the fervor of its faithful.

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« Following in Christ's steps»: here is the theme which will lead us to Easter. We therefore tried to follow Christ from Jerusalem to Calvary; we followed in the steps of the missionary Christ, from Achalla

to Enugu.

« A video allows us to discover more about this Christian African community, and the fervor of its faithful »

Our prayer was addressed to Our Lady of Africa, and once a week our rosary was said in union with the mission and for its intentions. We tried our best to live up to the demands of our faith, so that our fidelity may become a source of graces for those who live in difficult conditions: "For sure, Christ asks more than Mohammed, but a zealous soul does not look at the price to pay."

While making all these rosaries, "one white bead, ten green beads, one white bead..." we were thinking of this school which does not yet exist, and we

were happy to do something for all these families, these children, and these youth, "eagerly looking for the sacred, the strong truth, a deep spiritual life". Yes indeed, "any Christian who has been marked with the sacramental seal of Confirmation is or should be an apostle." These quotations by Father Chrissentment have been our guide throughout this Lent.

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We tried to make our own the prayer of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus: "Lord, I would like to be a missionary. In spite of my littleness, I would like to enlighten souls, like the prophets, the doctors; my vocation is to be an apostle..." With our eyes towards this land of Africa, so different from our regions, we have become aware of the strong faith living in the hearts of these faithful, this faith which unites us in the same Church, and which, as we understood it, is the foundation of all Christendom. And we prayed for the conversion of Muslims, so that "we may all be united in the same faith, the same hope, and the same love for your divine Son." (Prayer to Our Lady of Africa.)

Our activities, individual or collective, varying from one school to another; (baking and selling pizzas or cakes, giving concerts, washing cars, doing baby-sittings...) gave a concrete expression to our "Lenten efforts", but the most important happened in our souls – and we are grateful for it.



Sacrifices box. ▲

OUR MISSIONARIES



Father Peter Chrissent,
a French missionary
The Prior.



Father Anthony-Mary Claret,
a French missionary.



Father Pius Nanthambwe
Malawian missionnary.



THE MISSION IS LOOKING FOR A BUILDING MANAGER

Wanted in Nigeria: a good Catholic faithful with experience in building construction. We have the land, we have the money for materials and local labor, but the local companies and contractors need to be managed by a trusted and experienced professional.

We need an English-speaking building engineer with some experience and a lot of patience, who likes adventure and is willing to sacrifice for the kingdom of Christ, who wants the grace of building a church for the True Mass to be celebrated and a school where thousands of Nigerian children will learn to save their soul.

We can adapt your pay according to your needs, but please know that we cannot afford to pay 1st world wages in a 3rd world country.

If you are in a financial position where your family is already provided for, and you now have the time to dedicate your skills for love of God to do something for His glory, something that will be your legacy, why not help this poorest mission of the Society of St. Pius X in Africa?

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Why make a donation to SOS AFRICA ?

Help us to build the Mission to keep the Mission in Enugu going thanks to

The construction of the church, priory and school is a large project. Even if we plan to build in three steps, we still need to follow the advice of Archbishop Lefebvre: We must have at least half of the money before commencing to build. Help us to start. **We still need \$300 000.** It is therefore crucial that contributions from benefactors be regular if we are ever to finish the work as planned. For the salvation of our Nigerian faithful, we are calling upon you to help us realise our project.

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78000 Versailles, France
or bank transfer your donation, mentioning
«pour le Nigeria»
IBAN : FR76 3000 3008 1400 0372 6218 101
BIC : SOGEFRPP

In American Dollars (USD), by cheque
payable to: «Society of Saint Pius X» sent to:
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11485 North Farley Road
USA - Platte City MO 64079, USA
(Tax receipt sent on request for US residents)

In British Pounds (GBP), by cheque
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St George's House
125 Arthur Road,
GB - Wimbledon Park SW19 7DR, Great Britain

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