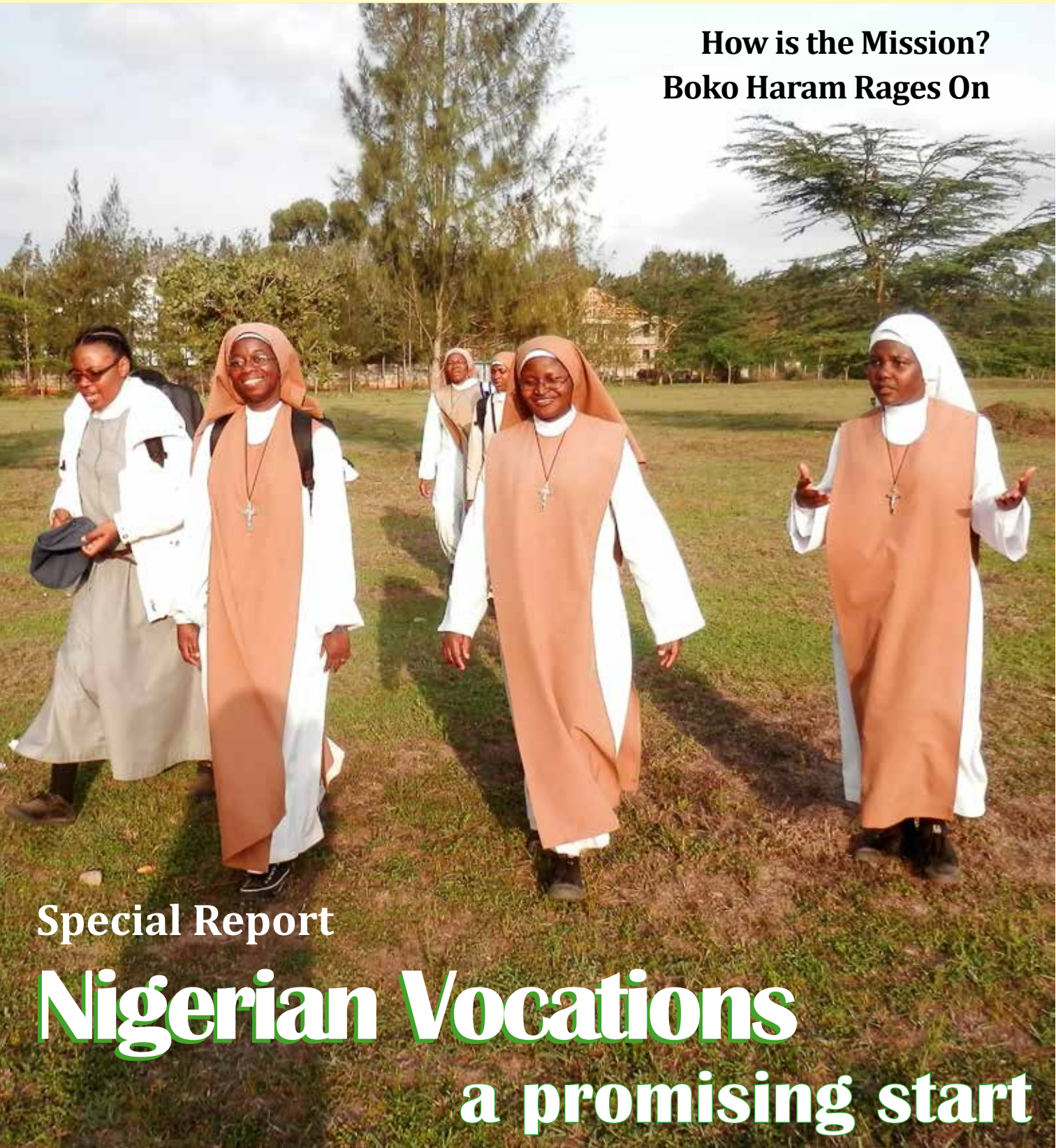


SOS AFRICA

Faith without borders

**How is the Mission?
Boko Haram Rages On**



Special Report

Nigerian Vocations

a promising start



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

An active association! *For a Mission that bears fruit*

Dear Friends,

« Leave a parish for 20 years without a priest and animals will be adored there » So used to say the Curé of Ars. This statement is a blaring description of the world we are living in, be it in here France or elsewhere in the world.

Our aim in founding SOS Africa was to be of assistance to Africans in Africa (Particularly Nigerians), by supporting the local Missions. It would really seem to us that such Missions are the best placed to assist these peoples in their spiritual, intellectual and material growth.

The question of vocations poses a real challenge and, in this bulletin, the missionaries themselves will give you the details of their flourishing work. The numerous photos presented here will transport you into the very heart of Africa's largest country. Finally, Romain will give you the latest details of the Islamic menace that is acting as a gangrene on this country.

As we approach the end of the year, please keep Nigeria in mind in your prayers and sacrifices. In the name of the entire Association, I would like to extend my heartiest thanks to you for your continued moral and financial support. Each effort on your part will be a wonderful Christmas present for the poorer of our brethren.

THE MISSION IN NUMBERS

VOCATIONS

- 3 SEMINARIANS
- 1 NOVICE
- 2 POSTULANT SISTERS
- 4 RELIGIOUS SISTERS
- 1 POSTULANT

157
CONFIRMATIONS
CONFERRED

3€ A DAY
TO FEED A SINGLE
PERSON AT THE PRIORY

+1800
COMMUNIONS
PER MONTH

+200
CONFESSIONS
PER MONTH

The Mission in pictures

A day at the Mission



The faithful of Cotonou in Benin



Blessing of the cake by Father Pius



Preparation for the First Communion



Building

The drafting of the plans for the new school and Priory has since been completed. Nevertheless, the most important part is yet to be tackled.

« The Priests are working with the architect at the plans of the church »

A job which requires a lot of care. Although it is always dangerous to make predictions, God-willing, we should be able to present you with the complete plans in the next edition of SOS Africa. Even then, the turning of the first sod is doubtlessly going to depend... on you!



Father Pius



Our first Nigerian subdeacon ▲



Seminarians under study ▲

NIGERIAN VOCATIONS

A promising start!



Recreation for the seminarians ▲

«Only an environment completely distanced from modern errors and modern morals can allow this renovation. This environment is that which was visited by Cardinal Gagnon and Mgr Perl. An environment made up of profoundly Catholic families, having many children and giving rise to many excellent vocations.»

It thus that in 1988 Mgr Lefebvre described the conditions that allow vocations to hatch. These conditions came together in

the traditional atmosphere that was visited by the aforementioned visitors from Rome. And now, thirty whole years later and thousands of kilometres away, it's possible to say the same thing of this small part of Nigeria that has remained loyal to the faith. How else can one explain the vocations that have arisen in so short a time?

« How else can one explain the vocations that God has granted in so short a time? »

As the priory celebrates its sixth birthday, it can

already boast of having three seminarians (one deacon and two men in their philosophy years), one novice, two postulants brothers, four religious and one postulant sister. I don't include those who have tried their vocations and stopped along the way for various reasons nor the long waiting list of young aspirants.

«The priory can already show three seminarians, one novice, two postulants, four religious and one postulant.»

God willing, our first Nigerian priest will be ordained towards Christmas of 2019. Our founder explained it quite well when he said that this grace is linked to profoundly Catholic families with several children and that until now have been preserved from the spirit of the world. I say until now because, sadly, this spirit is fast encroaching and now is the time to offer these Nigerian families the means to protect themselves,

means to remain faithful: Priests. Not only priests but traditional chapels and schools

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It's a fact that many good catholic families, in spite of the crisis in the Church, have remained firm in the Faith, faithful to the laws of marriage and charitable against the odds. God will no doubt reward them for accepting a poor life, deprived of comfort but rather directed towards Our Lord and Our Lady.

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May this bulletin awake your charity for these poor faithful. As things stand, in spite of your generosity and that of our faithful, we haven't as yet raised the minimum requisite amount to start building. We are close, but not quite there. Therefore, as a good missionary, I take up my collection basket once more and I present to you our future "workers" who, once formed, will come to labour in the West-African vineyard. For now I hope, with your assistance, to be able to pay other "workers": those who are to very soon construct the apostolate ground for the aforementioned spiritual workers.... Among whom you are numbered!



Procession of the sisters ▲



Spiritual reading in the garden ▲



A sister cooking ▲

YOUNG GIRLS: Boko Haram is inspiring copycats and already has a young brother.



Abduction of girls in Nigeria ▲

Education, Christianity, the youth, femininity. The targets of Islamist movements in Nigeria are always the same.

After the much publicised kidnapping of the 112 Chibok schoolgirls by Boko Haram in April 2004 (of whom some are still captives), another mass kidnapping was also to make some noise. On the 19th of February 2018, a boarding school in Dapchi (a north-eastern Nigerian state), was to be the scene of yet another kidnapping of young girls.

«They have said that they will set her free if she converts to Islam »

All the girls have since been released... except one, Leah Sharibu. "We are lucky because we are young and we are muslim," declared Fatima, one of the freed boarders, to AFP in March 2018. "One of us, who is Christian is still with them. They have said that they will set her free if she converts to Islam." Leah Sharibu, with a tenacity beyond her tender 16 years, has refused to renounce

her Christian faith in favour of that of Mahomed. This past august 27th, a video emerged in which she appears to be force-reading a text prepared by her captors. In this video she appeals to the Nigerian government for aid.

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But this latter, under the leadership of Muhammadu Buhari since 2015, has it's work cut out for it. For years now, Boko Haram has been attacking everything that could facilitate a better future for the youth, be it on the intellectual, spiritual or merely human side. In the Hausa tongue, which predominates in the North, Boko Haram means: "western education is prohibited." Forget the education of young girls: they should be married from the time they reach their tenth year! Forget the freedom to practise one's Christian faith in peace.

« Western education is prohibited »

Boko Haram now has a young brother.

The worst is that Boko Haram is no longer alone in this ongoing battle. The other Islamist movement which has arisen is ISWAP, which is becoming more and more of a threat. Although it is a self-proclaimed branch of the Islamic State in Africa, it nevertheless is officially allied to ISIS.

« ISWAP, an offshoot of Boko Haram is officially allied to ISIS »

On the 1st of March this past year, ISWAP abducted three young female Red Cross workers: It has since executed two of them, the second of who, Hauwa Mohammed Liman, a 24 year old midwife, lost her life on the 15th of October this past year. These young women were caught up in a clan war within this terrorist group. ISWAP, led by about Mosab Al Barnaoui, has become more violent since the internal assassination of the right hand men of Mosab's who were more favourable to dialogue. Today ISWAP won't hesitate to kidnap and to use young girls as suicide bombers.

We can only pray that ISWAP not follow the example of its big brother Boko Haram, which from 2009 to date has been responsible for 27000 deaths and the displacement of more than 2 million people.



Father Peter working on the project ▲



The missionary sisters of the Society in Africa ▲

News of the Association

-Ongoing Projects:

- o Search for a site manager to coordinate the works at the new site. (See the detailed advertisement in red).
- o Organisation of a football tournament
- o Sale of Rosaries in Nigerian colours for the benefit of the Mission.
- o Improvement of the Internet site and Facebook page for ease of navigation
- o Presentation of the Association to Parliamentarians from France and Bruxelles

OUR MISSIONARIES



Father Peter Chriseument, a French missionary The Prior.



Father Anthony-Mary Claret, a French missionary.



Father Pius Nanthambwe Malawian missionary.

-Future Projects:

- o Participation in different religious and humanitarian forums.
- o Sale of wine with labels in Nigerian colours for the benefit of SOS Africa.

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

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With the mention : «Please, for Nigeria»
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
payable to: «Society of Saint Pius X» sent to:
SSPX African Missions,
St George's House
125 Arthur Road,
GB - Wimbledon Park SW19 7DR, Great Britain

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280 West Botany St
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