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Mickaël in Nigeria.**

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Future students ▲



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

Exciting projects !

Dear friends,

As the world lives to the rhythm of the spread of the virus and suffers from the various government measures, Nigeria is in the grip of an unprecedented revolt of its youth against a very corrupt state. Triggered by police violence, this movement has become a more global protest against an abusive and discredited power.

Faced with a disoriented youth, the Catholic missions in Nigeria are trying to provide spiritual and material solutions. They are growing !

Luckily, Nigeria seems to have been spared from the major health crisis and the various building sites were able to continue and even accelerate thanks to a very competent project manager and highly mobilized on-site teams.

In this bulletin, we go back in detail to the major construction in Enugu in the South East of the country. The construction will allow St. Michael's mission to benefit from a very welcoming large priory and, God willing (as well as the African administration), a school for the start of the September 2021 school year: a very exciting project !

This possibility is only made possible thanks to the strong involvement of Nigerians, who now make it possible to partially meet the daily costs of the missions, and by your fully transferred donations towards building the future !

You can be sure of our thanks and I wish you, on behalf of the association, a Happy and Holy Christmas with thoughts, gifts, and prayers for these African missions.

SACRAMENTS BY THE NUMBERS

VOCATIONS

1 PRIEST

1 SEMINARIAN

1 POSTULANT

3 RELIGIOUS SISTERS

344

BAPTISMS GIVEN BY THE
NIGERIAN MISSION

38

MARRIAGES

220

CONFIRMATIONS

2000+

COMMUNIONS PER
MONTH

+200

CONFESSIONS
PER MONTH

St. Michael's Mission:

Rosary Crusade



Rosary prayed before Mass at Enugu ▲



The example of the elders ▲



Rosary in automobiles ▲



SOS Africa rosaries made by the Dominican students ▲

Rosary Crusade :

The Mass and vocations, our treasures !

A prayer crusade was launched by Fr. Davide Pagliarani, Superior General of the SSPX for the unconditional freedom to celebrate Holy Mass publicly and to attend it anywhere in the world, but also so that the Good Lord will bring forth ever more numerous vocations. It began on November 21, the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin in the Temple and will end on Maundy Thursday (April 1, 2021) when we will celebrate the institution of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the priesthood. I therefore encourage you to recite the rosary so that in Nigeria too, more and more young people will dedicate themselves to the God and participate in the apostolate of their compatriots. So do not hesitate to include this intention when meditating on this treasure which is the rosary. God will bless this effort.



Our Lady of Africa ▲



High-up on the building ▲

INTERVIEW WITH FATHER PETER on the progress of the work

Father, after several years of mobilization, fundraising, twists and turns with the authorities and local representatives, here we are, the priory is emerging from the ground! What joy! Tell us about the progress of the work.

Fr. P: Yes, finally! Not only is the priory emerging from the ground, this raising of the walls is almost finished since the framework is in place. In summary, this building of 30 meters by 10 on 4 levels will include a temporary chapel to hold 250 people and its sacristy, 9 bedrooms with their own bathrooms, the kitchen and refectory, a large hall, 4 offices, 4 rooms to use for the beginning of the school. In addition, there is an extension with a laundry room and a workshop, a small annex building, and a tower for the guards and water. Thanks to the skill of Mr. Huber and the good work of the local company, the work has been carried out seriously and fairly quickly. The shell is almost finished: we should install the roof, doors, and windows before Christmas.

« Not only is the priory emerging from the ground but even... the structural work is almost finished: we should install the roof, the doors and the windows before Christmas. »

You are not alone in establishing the future roots of Tradition in this country deeply divided between Christians and Muslims. Give us a few words about the commitment of your project manager and the work force.

Fr. P: Whether it is our project manager, the craftsmen, or even the company, all are aware of working directly for God and all

have therefore made efforts either by working with more care, participant financièrement par des réductions consenties sur le travail or by participating financially through reductions made on the work done. As for our faithful, they are always happy to visit the site and sometimes to bring their "stone" to it. Above all, they organize themselves with great ingenuity to generate a maximum of participation according to the means of each: lottery, fundraising, auction, regular transfers, reminders. All the means are good and their efforts are bearing fruit: their contribution has greatly increased over the past three years.

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The mission will be firmly anchored in Nigeria for a lasting apostolate. How is this establishment seen by your parishioners and more generally by the Catholic community ?

Fr. P: This priory is a strong sign. After the great difficulties of the beginnings, it shows the faithful and also the local priests, with whom interesting contacts multiply, the will of the Society to settle definitively in this immense field of apostolate and to contribute to the establishment of a Christianity attached to the Tradition of the Church. Of course, the construction of the church will

especially make this desire even more visible, but all in due course ...

Listening to you, we note that the work is therefore not finished. What are your main challenges before you can fill the school benches, hear the bells ringing, and welcome large numbers of faithful to services?

Fr. P: First, let me clarify, and it is to your credit, that all of this work has been done exclusively thanks to you and the faithful here. I will never be able to thank you enough for your generosity.

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I prefer to ask God who never lets Himself be outdone in this area. Of course, one day we will have to move on to the construction of the church and the school but for now, concerning the priory, all that remains is the interior design (electricity, plumbing, flooring, and walls) but unfortunately we do not have the means to complete it. The boxes are empty. So, to avoid having to “camp” in this new priory, I would like to ask you for a new effort and kindly redouble your generosity exceptionally at the end of 2020. This would allow us to finally be able to move into a home which will become a center radiating with graces and the center of an ever-inspiring apostolate.

Exterior view of the work ▼



Interior of the large building ▼



Fr. Peter Scott visits the building site ▼



Local Chronicle:

Fourth Episode of the Adventures of Mickaël in Nigeria.

by Louis d'Henriques



The Good Samaritan ▲

Mickaël left his family to find a way to Europe and left his people out of poverty. In Enugu, a violent assault left him for dead. A couple took him in.

Every morning, the lady with the yellow scarf enters his bedroom. Immediately, a flood of words engulfs the room, alternating comments on the weather and the latest news from Enugu, all cut off by unanswered questions. The little lady is busy, hurries, feels the bandage, asks if the young man slept well and without waiting for an answer, serves him hot chocolate and oatmeal, assuring him that eating is the best medicine.

Mickaël has just enough time to insert a thank you between two sentences, when she leaves just as abruptly, closing the door and promising to come back soon. When she's barely out the door, Mickaël gets up silently. He takes a few steps in the bedroom, then he checks his washed and folded clothes on the chair. His shoes are there. Everything is fine. He then does a few squats... today he no longer has a headache. Suddenly, there are footsteps behind the door. He goes back to bed

immediately, feigning weariness. The footsteps recede, he gets up. Resumes his exercises.

The sound of a discussion reaches him, he strains his ears. He hears the lady in the scarf talking with her husband. They are talking about him ... "You tell me yourself he's better!" the man says in annoyance..."

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..." So, he can leave and resume his journey. We will not be able to keep him, it costs too much, you know that. We could talk to Father about it, he would know what to do." "Yes Bob, it costs. But you know Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. He will stay as long as I decide. We are not going to bother Father with this."

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Mickaël doesn't hear the man's answer, just a growl and heavy footsteps coming out. The same heavy footsteps as his father ... Mickaël goes back to lie down. He gobbles up the chocolate and oats. While eating, he thinks: "What a good lady! But I can't stay. As nice as they are, my family needs me... and her husband." Thinking about what he's about to do, he feels his throat tighten. "She doesn't deserve this..."

Hearing no more noise in the house. Mickaël opens the door a crack, he sees no one. He then puts on his clothes and laces up his sneakers. With his hands, he takes inventory of his pockets: he no longer has his bag, it has been stolen, but he has an identity card, a small knife, a lighter. What he needs! He gently opens the door. A crucifix dominates the room ... he looks away. But on the wall opposite, an image of the Virgin stares at him—he lowers his eyes. He walks slowly. On the hall cabinet, a bag, that of the lady. He searches. A few Naira, that will pay for the bus to leave town and go further north. And another object, a rosary. It is pretty, it shines. He takes it and shoves it in his pocket.

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Then, silently, he leaves the house, and runs away down the street.



Digging the foundations ▲



The surveyors at work ▲

PICTURES OF THE WORK



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Operation : «Bring your stone to the building!»

The structural work is completed in Enugu. What remains is funding the interior fit-out work.



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