

(On the occasion of his ordination to the priesthood this past December in Sokode, Togo, we conducted an interview with him.)

- Could you tell us a little bit about yourself?

- My name is **Serge Patrick Mabou Simo** and I am Cameroonian, from the diocese of Bafoussam in the district of West-Cameroon. I am the youngest in my family, the "Benjamin." After completing my novitiate and my philosophy in the Congo (DRC) and my theology in Nairobi, I came here to Sokode where I was ordained a deacon in June, 2013 and worked mostly with young people both at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish and at St. Augustine Youth Center both of which are run by the Assumptionists in the city.

- **Today you are a priest. What does that feel like?**

- My first reaction is to thank God for having chosen me, as St. Paul says of himself, as one "untimely born." Everything is just beginning. My work as the Lord's minister lies before me. You are certainly aware that by holy ordination and the mission that a priest receives from the bishop he is configured to Christ Teacher, Priest, and King. He takes part in His work that day by day builds up the Church here below so that it may become the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. In a world that is experiencing constant and profound changes, I know how important this mission is. All of us, His ministers, need God's grace and the constant support of faithful Christians to be effective in our ministry.



