



My name is **Jovic Kouepou Kouepou**.

I am a young Cameroonian. I first learned about the Assumptionists at a vocation camp from a friend when he was back home on vacation. For four years, as I earned my college degree, I kept his words in my heart. Afterward I went for a visit and eventually was able to do a year of pre-postulancy and postulancy in Sokode, Togo, during which time I was able to discern my vocation with the Assumptionists. The novitiate year is an opportunity to take that discernment one step further.



I am **Jean-Paul Lakaza**, Togolese.

I want to serve Christ in the poorest of the poor. It's a desire that has filled my heart since junior high school. Unfortunately, I failed my first national high school final exam. I had to repeat a year and once I did so, I wanted to prove that I was capable of university studies. Not only did I succeed at the undergrad level but went on to get a Master's degree in the humanities and do two years of philosophy. I eventually ended up in Sokode as a high school teacher. There I met the Assumptionists and my old dreams came were rekindled. As a novice I feel an inner joy that gives me a passion day in and day out to serve Christ and hasten his Kingdom in me and around me.



My name is **Jean-Valère Kouwama** from a parish right here in Sokode, Our Lady of the Assumption.

I am 22 years old. I joined the Assumptionists after finishing an undergrad degree in journalism. I am the Benjamin of my family, the youngest of four children in a practicing Catholic family. My vocation dates, I think, to the day witnessed my uncle being ordained in the cathedral church. I became an altar server and then joined the parish vocational group. Later I met Fr. Jean-Paul Sagadou, an Assumptionist. I am particularly drawn by the beauty of their common life.



Born on July 17, 1988, in the Togolese diocese of Kara, my name is **Honoré Bassagou Winiga**.

My vocation goes back to the age of 10. At Mass, my eyes were riveted on the priest, so I became an altar server and joined a vocation group. After college I wasn't ready to enter the seminary, so I went on to get a Master's degree and begin my professional life. Then, on a retreat, the director told me that he thought I had a vocation. Teaching high school in Sokode, I met the Assumptionists and was drawn by their triple love of Christ and everything he loved, his mother Mary and the Church and by the simplicity of their life.



Wep Ewaja, Sotomichi, Kaituma, and other names of the novices of West Africa.