

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 profess-sional 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.







