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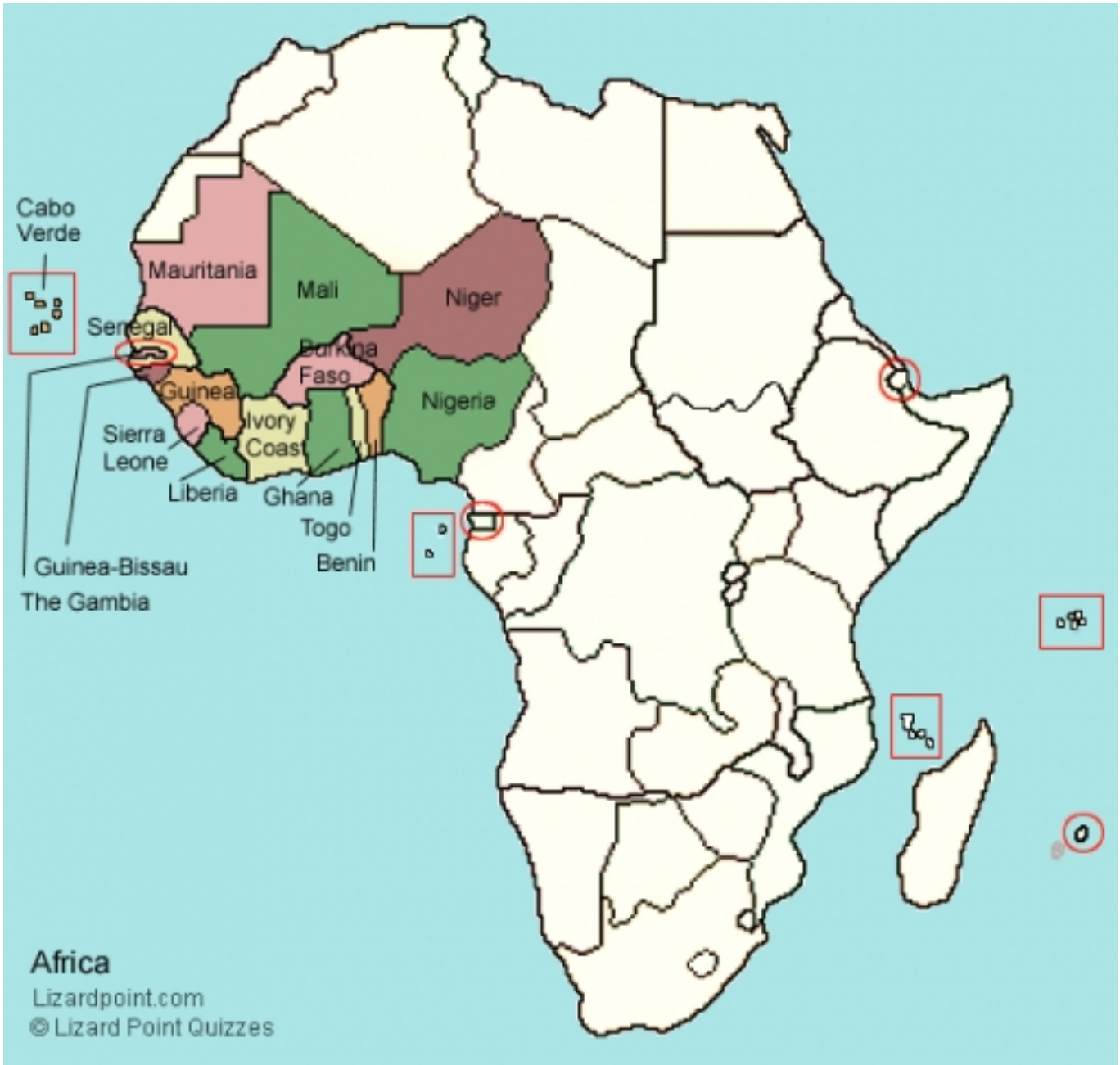
In 2009 the Assumptionists, under the leadership of Fr. Jean-Paul Sagadou, launched a new and ambitious initiative, called African Integration Trips (AIT). African Integration Tours are organized by the Youth Network for African Integration (YNAI) and are tours of inter-African cultural discovery. The main objective is to transmit to African and Afro-descendant youth the ideal of a plural, integrated and united Africa, in its religious, cultural and political aspects. The AITs have a strong educative and civil dimension. Every year, a tour tackles a specific theme and proposes to participants: training, workshops and conferences that include history, economics, entrepreneurship, the arts, humanities, etc.



The AITs are intended to bring young West Africans together to engage in intercultural and interreligious dialogue. The educative part of the Tour leads to discovering the history and the culture of the host country, and situates them in a global pan-African history.

The sixteen countries which make up West Africa count 300 million inhabitants of which half are

under the age of 20 and three quarters under the age of 30. The Integration Tours target anyone between 17 and 35 years old, whatever their religious, linguistic, cultural or professional background, who wants to discover the cultural and sightseeing riches of the African continent and who wants intellectual training in a Pan- African vision of Africa and its diaspora.



The African Integration Tours, which usually last 10 days, have been organized since 2009 in one of the 54 countries of Africa. Each year a new theme deepens the notion of African

integration:

2009: African Integration (Burkina Faso)

2010: African Integration and the Meeting of Cultures (Benin)

2011: Integration and African Renaissance (Mali)

2012: Reconciliation and African Integration (Ivory Coast)

2013: Citizenship and African Integration (Togo)

2015: African Integration and Democratic Culture (Senegal)

2017: African and Afro-descendant Youth Facing Pan Africanism: Kwame Nkrumah and the Reconstruction of Africa in the 21st Century (Ghana)….August 4-14, 2017.



Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana 2000-2006