Kinshasa, January 27, 2018

Dear Sisters Dear Friends,

« *If the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain do the watchmen keep vigil.* »
Ps 126:1b

Many of you have been hoping to receive some news. Finally I can share something with you. Thank you for your prayers for us.



On Sunday, January 21, 2018, while at Mass, even though we hadn't received the final blessing nor even instructions about the upcoming march, we were caught by surprise when tear gas came streaming into the church. It was flying everywhere. We hurried about the church looking for people who had brought margarine to be applied to faces. When they stopped using the tear gas, the celebrant, the pastor of St. Augustine's, courageously took up the cross, walked in front of the Christian community, and began to march. We followed him.



There was a crowd of non-Catholics waiting outside to join us. Within minutes the police attacked us. They grabbed the priest, threw him down into the mud and tore his liturgical vestments. Then the crowd began to disperse. Some courageous young people, however, kept marching up to a point about 10 minutes from the church. There they were ambushed; the police began firing their guns at point blank range; one of the young people was hit and died. They brought his body back to the parish.


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Je suis Thérèse
Aspirante abattue
le 21 janvier 2018
Kabila, tu m'as tuée?
Que Dieu te pardonne

