

On February 4, 2011 in Kinshasa, Brothers Kambale Mbayahi Eric and Kakule Kamabu Jean-Claude made their final vows and committed themselves to follow Christ, poor, chaste, and obedient for life. Their vows were received by the provincial's delegate for the Kinshasa mission, Fr. Boniface Muhindo Mutahi Their profession came at the end of week's retreat preached by Fr. Rigobert entitled: ***The Struggle for Fidelity***. After the retreat, neither of them decided to leave! They were each determined to move forward in their vocational journey.

During the liturgy, Fr. Boniface who presided focused on one of the readings chosen by Eric and Jean-Claude, namely, the call of Samuel. Young as he was, he didn't yet recognize the voice of the Lord. But once he did, with Eli's help, he was quick to respond.



There were many Elis along the way of these two young men: members of the Assumption Family, men and women, lay associates, family, friends, and teachers. All joined in asking God in prayer that Eric and Jean-Clause remain faithful to their vows. Aware of the support they

have already received ad counting on it for the rest of their lives, here are some of their remarks:

"Dear Friends, this step in our lives which you have just witnessed, you must know, comes at the end of a long journey during which God has revealed his love, but it is also the beginning of another journey which will require even more creative fidelity. It is one thing to pronounce vows; it's another thing, even more decisive, to live those vows out day in and day out. That requires, at once, God's grace, our fidelity, the witness, support, and love of brother and sister religious, and all of you, our friends and family.We count on this help and we simply say to all of you, Thank you so much."