A Message from Fr. Dennis Gallagher

On Saturday afternoon we learned of the kidnapping of three of our Assumptionist priests in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Frs. Wasakudi Anselm, A.A., Jean Ndulandi, A.A., and Edmond Kisughu, A.A. were reportedly tied up and taken away by 10 armed gunmen from the parish house of Notre-Dame des Pauvres around 9 p.m. on Friday evening. The parish is located 22 kilometers from Beni and 70 kilometers from the Episcopal see of Butembo. Bishop Melchisedec Sikuli Paluku issued the following statement:

“The parish where the religious were kidnapped is located in an area where there are several armed groups who commit acts of banditry of this kind. We have asked the faithful to pray so that God touches the hearts of the kidnappers and release our fathers. We have appealed to the general mobilization not only of the police and other security forces, but also to the population of the area to proved us with information on the kidnappers’ movements.”

I ask that you add your prayers for the release of our brother Assumptionists.

Thank you.