

NEWS OF THE NOVITIATE COMMUNITY NKONGSAMBA - CAMEROON

Our community is made up of 4 Sisters and 6 Novices: 2 first years and 4 second years.

Sr Marie Juliette RASOAMIAFARA

I am in charge of agriculture and rearing with the help of employed workers: M Jean Bosco and Mme Marie Claire.

As concerns agriculture, we harvest plantain and corn twice a year, in the months of March and August, pineapples and cassava once a year.

Our vegetable garden demands a lot of work but it gives us many vegetables: carrots, green beans, pea, and green vegetables. Till date, we do not have the opportunity to have fruit trees because of the soil but we continue to ameliorate the soil with compost from

our decayed waste.

We also rear rabbits. The novices are in charge of it during weekends and sometimes with the help of the sisters.



Keeping clean our surroundings is also our priority: we need to cut the grass, clean the water channels and especially the river and it bounds to avoid inundation during the rainy season.

Every Thursday morning, I work with the Novices either in the farm or in the house in the production of soap, l'eau de javel and ointment with Aloe Vera, which we sell.

The days well occupied but what a joy when the harvest is good !



SOME NEWS FROM THE FIRST YEAR NOVICES::

MEDRIED KIYAH

I was received into the Novitiate on the 15 August 2018, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a date not to forget!

Thanks to the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius to deepen my faith and personal discernment to better follow Jesus day after day. But do not think that our days are uniquely consecrated on to prayer! We have community activities and activities in the parish, and also time for reflection and formation on the proposed subjects: History of the Congregation, History of the Church, Human development, French, Constitutions, Music...all these subjects that we deepen together are tools to help be a better disciple of Christ. We produce soap and we work also in the garden, also keeping our community and its environment enjoyable. Each one of us is different, but the Lord who called us "by Name", His Grace is helping us to move together.

NJARA, ANNE-MARIE and MARINAH - first Year Novices

On our arrival here in Cameroon - Nkongsamba, we were very happy to meet the sisters and the Novices. In all our activities and new relationships; we learn to follow Jesus. He trust us, and grace to Him, we can find the strength to always move forward. We had already our first Inter-Novitiate session, where we studied Spiritual Discernment. Living diversity is not always easy! If we need effort and attention to work in the garden, maybe we need more again to cultivate relationships with the people around us! But with prayer and especially the Grace of God, it will be well! The feeling that we can give what we have and receive what others shared with us, it gives us greater joy and interior peace; it revives us in the immediate dynamic call of Jesus which is addressed to each one of us, the Novices and the Sisters in the community.

