

CVX BURKINA FASO

NEWS!!

Date	Sunday 09 February 2025
Place	Pamyondo Jesuit Spiritual Center in Ouagadougou
Events	- Monthly Mass of CLC Burkina - Admission of new CLCs - Welcoming members of the new pre-community - Presentation of new year greetings and fraternal sharing
Participants	• Father François Xavier RASENDRARIVO, Ecclesiastical Assistant • Members of the Loyola Community • Candidates for admission • The members of the Pre Community 2025
Context	This Sunday, February 09, 2025, the Gospel of the day told us about the miraculous fishing on the shores of the Lake of Gennesareth that Jesus carried out after His future disciples had "... toiled all night without taking anything...". On the same day, this miracle was performed in the form of a "miraculous harvest" for CLC Burkina Faso after a multi-year night of introspection and search for a path for its expansion. Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Indeed, following its participation in the CLC World Assembly in Amiens, France in August 2023 on the theme "Discerning Paths for Hope", the Christian Life Community of Burkina Faso was touched by the following invitation of Jesus: "Put out into the deep, and cast your nets for fishing" Luke 5, 4. This time it was the right one and a pre-community was formed. Under the leadership of Father François Xavier, Ecclesiastical Assistant of CLC Burkina and with the accompaniment of all the Jesuit Fathers in Burkina Faso, this pre-community received a whole range of formations on essential themes of Ignatian spirituality. The last act of the preparation of this pre-community was the retreat for a decision, led by Father François Xavier, in the last days of the year 2024. The CLC expressed its thanks to Fr. François Xavier, Ecclesiastical Assistant of CLC Burkina since 2017, and to each of his confreres for their paternal concern. In addition, CLC received on Sunday, February 09, the members of the 2025 pre-community who expressed their interest in CLC during the Lenten recollections of the Jesuit Spiritual Center Pamyondo and the festivities of St. Ignatius 2024.

The feelings of the Pre- Community 2025

The ceremony began with a welcome from CLC Burkina Faso delivered by Félicité Yiki Bazongo, Coordinator of the Pre-Community 2024. In her remarks, Felicity Yiki, on behalf of CLC, thanked God for all His blessings to CLC. She recalled the journey of CLC since its participation in August 2023 in the CLC World Assembly in Amiens, France. She then summarized the CLC's flagship activities during the festivities of Saint Ignatius 2024 before welcoming the new pre-community, announcing the admission of the new CLC and the commitment of the old ones.

Félicité Yiki BAZONGO/KANSONON, Coordinator of the Pre-Community 2024



"Today is a day of joy and joy for the CLC which expresses its gratitude to His Divine Majesty for the countless graces received by the Community and by each of its members. Thank you to the Provident God. It is a day of thanksgiving to the Lord Holy Spirit for the journey made since the World Assembly in Amiens 2023; What a step forward! It is an opportunity to thank the Jesuit Fathers for their unfailing accompaniment; Thank you for your father's concern! What a joy for us on this day to welcome such a strong pre-community and what a joy to live the admission of the new CLCs! Thank you, Lord Jesus. May Your Holy Name be blessed forever! Thank you for getting your hands on us. Guide us to follow you and make us witnesses before all, so that every man with us may recognize in you the One Lord."

I. WELCOMING NEWCOMERS

About thirty of them expressed their desire to learn more about CLC. CLC Burkina was therefore happy on Sunday, February 9, 2025 to receive these people who want to know more about Christ in order to follow Him more closely and serve Him better by opting to be part of the "Come and See" community of CLC Burkina Faso. It is therefore with joy that the assembly welcomed these men and women who now make up the Pre-Community 2025. Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

This new pre-community begins its time of observation and training with this welcome by CLC Burkina. Moreover, before the Mass, she had already consulted with the Father Ecclesiastical Assistant to schedule the beginning of the formations.

THE TESTIMONIES OF SOME MEMBERS OF THE PRE-COMMUNITY



POADAGA Anwoura Ismaël, Pre CLC community

"I would like to express my full gratitude for belonging to this new family of God that is CLC Burkina Faso. I would like to say thank you to the elders of CLC Burkina for the success of this organization of fraternal welcome from which we have benefited in all its spiritual splendor through the Eucharistic celebration and the various testimonies. Also, I cannot ignore this dish that was offered to us. Many thanks to all of you. May God bless you and give us the grace in our turn to welcome our cadets so that together we can proclaim the Gospel wherever we are through our behavior. A big thank you to our Jesuit Fathers for their availability. Thank you very much."



DAKYO Justine, Pre CLC Community

"I was touched by the joy of those who had just returned to the community. They seemed to have made a long journey but very happy to have reached the end, happy with their commitment. Also, I liked the fraternal agape. I experienced that day the true fraternity around the meal. It was not a question of eating to fill one's belly but of sharing around the meal. I felt sorry for those who came back without having a meal. They missed the appointment of giving and receiving. Finally, speaking of giving, I was very edified by the sharing of 2 people from the Loyola community who were at our table. They talked about their experience of growing up in the group. They were very generous."

II. THE MASS

The Eucharistic celebration followed the Welcoming of the Pre-Community 2025 and the group work during which the CLC received the visit of Jesuit Fathers Martin Birba and Noël Hinvò to whom it says a big thank you. The Mass was celebrated by Father François Xavier, Ecclesiastical Assistant of CLC Burkina Faso.



It is this Father, who arrived in Burkina Faso at a difficult time for CLC, was able to keep the flame burning despite COVID and all the other adventures that the Community has encountered. He is the one who has orchestrated the formation of the CLC from then until today. Thank you, Father.

2.1. ADMISSION OF NEW CVX

The retreat at the end of December was a preparatory session for the admission of the members of the Pre-Community 2024 to CLC Burkina Faso. The rite of admission that was performed during the monthly Mass included the following elements:

- The individual appeal of the elected representatives of the day
- The expression by the elected officials of the day of their desire to become CLC
- The acceptance of the CLC through its President Lucie Compaoré
- The recitation of the Suscipe of Saint Ignatius by the new members of CLC BF.
- The handing over of the headscarves by the President of the CLC to each of the new CLCs.
- The song of commitment



2.2. INTRODUCING THE NAME OF THE NEW CVX COMMUNITY

The choice of the name of the new community was the subject of a few weeks of discernment. This choice was finalized during a meeting of the new community just before Mass. This name, which is "Manrese Community", was presented to the assembly by the Priest Celebrant just after the admission and before the song of commitment.

Manresa refers to the city where St. Ignatius spent his convalescence, during which time he lived the spiritual experiences that gave rise to the spiritual exercises, the foundation of Ignatian spirituality. Manresa therefore calls for discernment, conversion and a commitment to serve Christ, the Eternal King: a whole program of life!

THE TESTIMONIES OF SOME NEW CVX

Claudine PODA née SOME, Manrèse Community



"The feelings that animate me are feelings of joy; I had been looking for a spiritual family for years and I found one. I thank God."

Cécile PODA/SOME, Manrèse Community



"My feeling after this admission is first of all a thanksgiving for this encounter with Jesus through the intercession of St. Ignatius because I have always had the resentment of not knowing how to pray and, therefore, I was looking for a way to recognize the Voice of God, to hear Him, and to try to put His commandments into practice. Now, the teachings I have taken at CLC have been of great help to me and I believe that I have found what I was looking for. But, I must continue to learn to know Him better. Praise be to the Name of the Lord! »

III. THE FRATERNAL SHARING

We thank the Jesuit Spiritual Center Pamyondo for the restoration of the feast. The CLC had the great joy of receiving during the fraternal sharing Father François Xavier Kaboré, the Superior of the Jesuits in Burkina Faso. Fatty rice, doughnuts, early skewers, beer, wine and natural non-alcoholic drinks were part of the game. The President of the CLC presented her best wishes to the whole assembly and the celebration was beautiful.





FEELINGS FROM THE MOTHER COMMUNITY: LOYOLA

Sylvette PARE/KONE , Coordinator of Loyola



"This day, February 9, is a special day, a day of thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings for CLC Burkina. The community grew in the footsteps of the Lord. The Lord is at work. Let us bear witness to Him through our actions, especially the love we have for our neighbour, for the glory of God the Father. Thank you"

Hortense SOME/GNOUMOU, Loyola Community



"After this Eucharistic celebration of welcoming new members and commitment of the CLC pre-community of Burkina, I am animated by joy and gratitude to God for his Mercy, because He accompanies us every day and boosts our faith. To God all the glory. »

Florence BÉOUINDÉ, Loyola Community



"The date of February 9, 2025 marks an important turning point in the construction of CLC in Burkina Faso in the sense that we welcome a new community, which after a rigorous journey, has joined the CLC Burkina family. May the new breath that it brings contribute to our influence in following Christ."

Pascaline THIOMBIANO/SANDWIDI, Loyola Community



February 09, 2025 is the most beautiful day I have known as a member of CLC Burkina because I felt the Holy Spirit living in me, the Holy Spirit in the room and the Holy Spirit in each of us. There was only love, friendship, fraternity, unity! We expressed ourselves easily with a smile, laughter revealing a joy, a conviction, a total belonging to CLC. From the Manrese Community, I have felt only Love, true sharing, a life of true fraternity. Oh my! It was beautiful! of an internal beauty, for each one was drunk with the Holy Spirit. The Pre-Community gave the impression that it would have wanted to say its yes on the spot, without waiting. We at Loyola were over the moon because we hadn't yet received so many new members at once. Thank you, Lord, for granting us this grace to belong to CLC and say yes to following Christ through our Spiritual Father Ignatius of Loyola. May the Lord in his goodness and infinite mercy hold our hands in his footsteps."

Lucie COMPAORE/PARE, President of CLC Burkina Faso



"I am in total confidence that CLC Burkina has found its way by the grace of God and by the support of our accompanist and Ecclesiastical Assistant Father Francois Xavier and the entire Community of Jesuit Fathers in Burkina Faso and elsewhere. Now, we can talk about CLC in Burkina Faso thanks to the spiritual dynamism that animates its members. All thanks go to His Divine Majesty. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, Lord Jesus."

Father François Xavier, Ecclesiastical Assistant



"February 9, 2025, it was wonderful, a blessed day! God works wonders! The CLC of Burkina Faso has done a feat to carry out such an event: Creation or nativity of a new community named Manresa. This is an ornament of the efforts of a few months of formation, of initiation into spirituality: magnificent! It was very joyful to see the old ones active in the joy of receiving the new members. On that day, too, the newcomers to create a new host community showed their enthusiasm and interest in following suit. I think that we can take this date as a date that marks a decisive step for the smooth running of the CLC of Burkina Faso. May everyone be blessed, now and always! Amen"

**Feelings of the
happy
supervisors of
CLC Burkina**

Family photo



Alleluia!



Amen!