

From January December 2013, the autonomous demarcation of the **PIARIST PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA** was created comprising four countries: Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon, with Rev. Fr. Javier Negro Marco Sch.P as first Superior. At the moment, the Piarists of Central Africa is under the leader of Rev. Fr. Evaristus Akem Ndi, Sch.P as Major Superior.

The Province has been blessed with many vocations. Regarding current statistics, the Province counts a total of 110 religious, of which 10 are Europeans and the rest, native, the average age being 36 years. Of the 110 religious, 50 are priests, 3 are deacons, 2 brothers (of solemn vows) and 72 are religious with simple profession, of which 34 are studying philosophy, 23 studying theology and 15 are living and working in active communities. In addition to this, we have 21 novices and 15 Postulants (Prenovices).

Statistics

Number of religious: 110, Number of Priests: 50, Number of deacons: 3, Number of brothers: 2, Number of Juniors (simple professed): 72, Number of Novices: 21, Number of Prenovices (Postulants): 15

Initial Formation houses:

- Pre-Novitiate in Menteh/Cameroon with 10 prenovices and Prenovitiate Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo with 5 prenovices.
- Novitiate in Kumbo/Cameroun, with 21 novices from 5 different countries (Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Democratic Republic of Congo and Nigeria).
- Juniorate I in Bamenda/Cameroun, with 45 juniors in philosophy at the Catholic University of Cameroon - Bamenda.
- Juniorate II in Yaoundé/Cameroun, with 19 juniors in theology at the Catholic University of Yaoundé and
- Community experience: 15 Juniors are currently have an experience of our community life as well as our educative ministry in some of our communities. During this moment, they are involved in the education of young persons through classes, pastoral activities as well as socio-cultural actives, helping the underprivileged with the means at their disposal.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ARE 16 DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS¹

- 9 in Cameroon
- 4 in Equatorial Guinea
- 1 in Gabon (Libreville) and
- 2 in Democratic Republic of Congo, one in Kinshasa created in November 2014 and one in Kikonka created in 2016.

Each religious community is composed of 4 or 5 Piarist religious.

Ministerial works

A part from the formation houses whose principal objective is to discern and accompany vocations, the communities are involved in ministerial works ranging from educational works, through pastoral administration to the People of God to socio-cultural activities and assistance to the underprivileged.

Number of Schools: 17,

Number of Parishes: 8,

Pastoral units: 3,

Number of Socio-cultural centres: 10

Centres of assistance of persons with disabilities: 1,

Centres for street children: 2

¹ Please find attached the background Province of Central Africa with composition of communities