



**KOUAKOU JEAN-RICHMOND KADJELI (1992-2020)**

Kouakou Jean-Richmond KADJELI was the eighth son, born into a family of nine brothers, four of whom are boys - one of them has already reached heaven!

He has an older brother, Fr. Michel, a religious, Redemptorist priest, chaplain to the (Redemptorist) nuns of Diabo.

Jean Richmond was born on 2 January 1992 in Bouaflé (Ivory Coast) to Konan Ban Venance, a voluntary catechist and Aya Séraphine KOUAKOU. He was baptized on March 29, 1992 and received the sacrament of Confirmation on May 28, 2007. Jean-Richmond obtained the baccalaureate 'A2 series' in 2013 and in 2015 the certificate of superior technician in human resources and communication.

He met the Camillians in Yamoussoukro (Ivory Coast). He entered the Camillian postulancy in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) on September 28, 2017, for two years of formation (year of spirituality and pre-novitiate). On September 6, 2019, he regularly began the experience of initiation into our Camillian religious life in the novitiate in Boassa. On June 19, 2020 the Provincial Council admitted him to the temporary religious profession in our Order.

Jean-Richmond was a cheerful and quiet young man, simple and friendly, at ease in fraternal relationships, open and pragmatic. He was responsible for the library and the community house chronicle. He also enjoyed carpentry work and practiced sport (football) when his health allowed it.

Jean-Richmond has not been in good health since he entered the novitiate. On 16 July 2020, he was admitted to the 'Saint Camille' hospital in Ouagadougou for severe anemia. Suddenly, on the evening of July 28, 2020, after meeting with Father Michel, his older brother priest, Jean-Richmond "anticipated" his religious profession in front of many confreres, several religious Daughters of St. Camillus and health personnel, handing over his life into the hands of Christ, who he so desired to serve as a Camillian priest.

Jean-Richmond has entered 'Life'. From heaven, may he intercede with God for our world, be the source of Camillian vocations for the Ivory Coast, his native country, of which he was the first Camillian novice.

***"Blessed is the minister of the sick who consumes his life in this holy service."***

***REST IN PEACE!***