

Teaching in California



Le frère Franklin, venant du Congo, travaille depuis novembre en Californie. Il nous fait part de ses premières expériences à l'école primaire à Santa Maria.

When I arrived in Nov., I knew I would be working in the elementary school for our parish of St. Louis de Montfort here in Santa Maria, It is where I go and learn more about the ways of teaching and the variety of daily activities. So, our Community invited me to teach Religion and some other skills but I still continue to take my time to observe how our teachers teach and how the students learn which is a little bit different from in the Congo-Kinshasa.

Before Christmas, I taught and explained to the children of 6-7-8th grades (12-14 yrs old) about Advent which was the preparation for the Jesus and His Birth. They learned about the coming of our Lord Jesus.

I taught them two Christmas songs: Silent Night in French (*Douce Nuit*) and another one in Kikongo. At the performance for the parents in the church, the students held handmade Congolese masks which we made..

Hopefully, with the coming months I will be capable to teach on my own in the classes. I am also grateful to our Principal (Kathy Crow) and the teachers who say I learn fast and I love that. I am at school from 7:30-3:00p.m.

Aside from school, I am involved in the life of the parish by participating in choir at the 9:30 Sunday and also serving as Eucharistic Minister.

I am looking forward to being ordained a deacon by the Regional Bishop, Thomas Curry here in our parish church in February.

Br. Franklin

