

## **“Brothers of the Holy Family”**

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### **A/ Identity of the Institute**

- A lay religious Institute whose Charism is: **“Education and all kind of good works according to the needs of the local church”**.(const. N°15-17)
- The founder: Brother Gabriel TABORIN (1799-1864), was a lay Christian, who has been touched and interpellated by the lack of child education, the lack of catechists, and the poverty of the liturgy in different parishes of France after the revolution in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (*Great revolution from May 1789 to November 1799*)
- The Institute was born in France (1835) as a diocesan congregation; and later on, spread to the rest of Europe, America, Asia, Africa, as an international Congregation (pontifical right 1841).
- In accordance with the Charism given to the founder, we are particularly focused on education, through boarding schools and day schools, social education centers, catechism, and liturgical animation.

### **B/ In Africa (origin and spread)**

#### **1) Origin: 1948, from Upper Volta.**

In the First Catechists formation house of the then Upper Volta (Burkina Faso), some young men while observing the daily life of the missionary of Africa brothers, firmly wished to engage themselves in such a consecrated life. The first bishop of Ouagadougou, Monsignor Joany Thevenou, was happy for that original event, and encouraged the candidates as pioneers in a new-born religious group of “African brothers”. He suggested as name: “Holy Family Brothers of Ouagadougou”, in remembrance of the Holy Family Brothers of Belley, because he has been himself a beneficiary student in their school in France.

#### **2) Fusion in 1959:**

Due to the great similarity of their Charism, constitutions and histories, a successful process of canonical fusion was implemented between the two religious groups (Europeans and Africans). So, from this date (February 1959) onwards, they acknowledged and adopted the same name, the same fonder and the same rule: **“Brothers of the Holy Family of Belley”** .

### **C/ Vision in Ghana.**

Our apostolate sectors in Africa (Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Benin, Ghana) are:

- Formation houses.
- Schools and social centers.
- Workshops for production and training to manual jobs.
- Contribution in the formation and accompaniment of catechists.

\* **In Ghana**, we focus on “how to share these same apostolate sectors”.

### **D/ For a helpful contribution (mission).**

In order to perform an appropriate integration in the pastoral plan of the Archdiocese, we try to:

- Understand the way of life and the needs of the inhabitants of our environment.
- Pay special attention to the authorities of the Archdiocese.
- Train ourselves well, in favor of a convenient contribution.

### **E / the current assignments of our first community in Tamale:**

- ✓ To get a land for the residence of the community and a formation house.
- ✓ To get a land for a private catholic school and education activities.
- ✓ To invite young men to join us in this consecrated life, for sharing, in Tamale and the whole country Ghana, this (our) Charism given to the Church.

### **F/ Location and contact.**

- Our residence will be in Gumo, an out-station of Saint Arnold Jansen parish. In our residence, and the future education structures, we openly welcome you, in a spirit of « family », under the canopy of Nazareth: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, our Patron Saints.