

The Christian Retirement Movement of the Central African Republic (MCR-CA)

The Movement was selected to participate in the diocesan pastoral resumption conference in Bangui from September 23 to 28, 2025, at the Notre Dame d'Afrique Parish. After the opening address by His Eminence Dieudonné Cardinal Nzapalainga, the parish priests were given the opportunity to report on the activities of each deanery, followed by contributions or questions. After the Angelus, Sister Glawdys Manou was given a space to enlighten us on the theme "Pastoral Conversion: Unity and Diversity of Ministries in 1 Cor. 12: One Spirit." After the contributions and questions, the Marie Mère du Verbe community closed the first day with the Midday Office.

The second day began with Father Donald Ndoua's procession and proclamation of the Gospel. It was then the turn of Father Alfred Nicaise Poukre Kono to speak to us on the theme "Church, Family of God of the Archdiocese of Bangui, in the context of a changing society; a question of identity." Afterwards, it was the turn of Father Philippe Grebalet to speak to us for 40 minutes on the theme "Co-responsibility in the Mission of the Church; the pastoral relationship between the laity and the clergy." After the Angelus, the Sisters of Providence of Ribeauvillé concluded the day with the Midday Service.

On the third day, Imam Wadid Gakara addressed the audience for an hour on the theme "The exercise of co-responsibility in a Muslim environment." Then it was Father Denis Kangale's turn to address the audience for 45 minutes on the theme "The mission of Christ and the social commitment of the Central African Church in the world of politics, economics, and culture." The Midday Service was reserved for the Missionary Sisters of the Gospel.

The final day began with the procession and proclamation of the Gospel by Father Richard Chine, followed by the Little Sisters of the Heart of Jesus for the Lauds Service. The penultimate theme was "The dynamics of base ecclesial communities as springboards for a Certain synodality" by Father Alexis Passi.

Finally, the last theme was reserved for Father Gérard, who spoke about "How prayer and the Eucharistic celebration effectively inspire and guide our journey together." The Cardinal's closing address brought the meeting to a close. On Sunday, September 28, a high mass was celebrated in public on the parish steps, which concluded the diocesan pastoral season with the consecration of three deacons and three abbots.

Note: The MCR-CA delegates are visible wearing green scarves around their necks.

Sincerely,

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