

Fr. Hope & Fr. Jake In Their Own Words...



My name is Rev. Hope Klutsey:

I am from a village in the South Eastern part of the Volta Region of Ghana called Akatsi. I am the fifth born of a family of eight with seven brothers and one sister. I decided to become a priest in 1980. I was then a member of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) in my village and it has always been my desire to be a Missionary priest probably because of the influence of Comboni Missionaries in my parish at the time,

actually my Pastor was a member of Comboni Missionaries from Italy. However, I was ignorant about the long years of priestly formation.

I did my philosophical studies in St. Paul's Catholic Seminary in Accra, Ghana, then went to the Ivory Coast for my Theological Studies from 1994 to 1998. I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest on August 8, 1998 in Ghana. I am a member of Society of African Missions (SMA), a missionary congregation.

My first appointment was in Ivory Coast. I worked as a Parochial Vicar for four years. I was afterwards selected to work in Ghana as SMA Vocations Director for two years. At the end of the second year, I was elected the Regional Superior of Ghana for a three-year mandate, which I successfully completed. While on sabbatical year in Dublin Ireland, I took a Masters degree course in Theology and Ethics (Moral Theology) for two years at Milltown Institute for Philosophy and Theology. I was later appointed the Pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Chibolya, Mufulira, in Zambia for the past four years.

Due to my Missionary vocation, I readily accepted the proposal of my Superiors to come serve in Canada, even though I know the cold weather can be a challenge. I'm new in Canada but most people I met were very open to me and are ready to assist me settle down. I particularly like Canada because of the simplicity of its citizens. I was welcomed with open arms wherever I went. On my arrival at Regina, a priest-friend told me "it is cold here, keep warm", and that is how I came to like the weather. I came to the Diocese of Regina in December 2013. I lived in Notre Dame d'Auvegne Parish for two months. Since February 18, 2014, I have been working in the parish of St. Joseph in Canora. I am also in-charge of Sts. Stephen and Philips in Kamsack and Keeseekoose Reserve respectively. In my spare time I like reading Bible commentaries, walking, playing volleyball and tailoring.

I'm Fr. Joaquin Ibay:

