



Give me the strength to react vigorously against every environment hostile to the spirit of my religious vows. I want to remain "the poor Burkinabé" in solidarity and love for the people in "wealthy" Rome.

Spiritual Diary, July 23, 1991



Prayer for the beatification of
Servant of God
Alexandre Toé
Camillian Religious

O Father,
we thank you for the gift
you have given us in your
servant Alexandre Toé,
a disciple in love with your
beloved Son and a true son
of St. Camillus (de Lellis);
following his example,
grant us the grace to be willing
to be shaped by your Holy Spirit
of love, and if it is according to
your will, grant us the grace
we ask for through his intercession (...),
so that we may always give glory to You.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

With ecclesiastical approval

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SERVANT OF GOD
Alexandre Toé

"The poor Burkinabé in wealthy Rome!"



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CALLED TO LIFE

It is in this family that my faith and my convictions will grow by leaps and bounds.

Spiritual diary, January 4, 1995

"I was born on December 2, 1967, in Boromò (Burkina Faso) to Samuele Toé and Giuditta Parè; I was baptized on December 25, 1967, and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 8, 1986.

I started primary school in October 1973 in Ziga (Ouahigouya), where I attended only the first two years. In fact, I completed it in Koudougou, where I received the C.E.P.C. (Certificate of Primary Studies) in June 1979. I started the second cycle of secondary school at "Placide Yameogo" in October of the same year. In June 1983, four years later, I received the B.E.P.C. (Conclusive Diploma of the 1st Cycle of Secondary Schools) and admission to the 2nd cycle at "Philippe Zinda Kabore" High School in Ouagadougou, graduating in 1987 by passing the baccalaureate exam (B.A.C.)."

He had his parents as role models and from a young age looked favourably upon the poor and the disadvantaged. Intelligent and at the same time friendly, he achieved excellent results at school and was always ready to help his classmates in difficulty. His outgoing and lively character, however, created some disciplinary problems for him. Even at home, his support for younger siblings never wavered, and for this, he was considered a model boy.

Various family events led him to Ouagadougou. He had developed the habit of praying both in the morning and in the evening, never abandoning, in his free time, the reading of an old Bible. In 1985, he began attending catechism classes after Sunday Mass to prepare for receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation. He was a very active young man in the parish, engaging in numerous activities.

¹ Short biographical profile written by him on the occasion of his priestly ordination on July 1, 1995.

VOCATIONAL CHOICE

Lord, you have given me an infinitely great gift since you wanted a poor creature like me to embrace religious life.

Spiritual diary, January 4, 1995

"During my third year of high school, I began to seriously consider the Lord's calling that I had already perceived in 1982. I was fascinated by the Camillian religious life at a spiritual retreat led by a Camillian priest. Contacts made during the 1986-1987 school year helped me definitively orient myself towards the Camillian ideal.

Accepted into the Camillian Student Community on August 12, 1987, and after obtaining the B.A.C. (baccalaureate diploma) in June of the same year, I officially entered the year of spirituality on September 7, 1987,"² despite being directed to pursue medical studies and despite the sisters' contrary opinion. At the end of this year, he began studying philosophy at the "St. Jean" seminary. On September 8, 1991, he made his Temporary Profession during the Eucharistic Celebration at the Parish of San Camillo De Lellis in Ouagadougou.

With the religious profession, I will be forever consecrated to You, to the world of the sick and the suffering. I should carry them in my heart, in my hands, on my shoulders like Jesus.

Spiritual diary, August 7, 1991

THE IDEAL... TO BE HOLY

I am yours irrevocably; I will follow you, I will walk towards you despite winds and tides, with my weaknesses and my misery because it is You who have called me and You always await me.

Spiritual diary, January 18, 1995

² Short biographical profile written by him on the occasion of his priestly ordination on July 1, 1995.

Son idéal de sainteté se résume en trois points, qu'il a eu à développer au cours des exercices spirituels qu'il a vécus du 5 au 9 janvier 1995 pour préparer son ordination diaconale ordination.

Prayer

In my prayer, I would like to be simple with the Lord like a friend by His side, offering Him my distractions, my labours, my worries, and my bad will. The praying man is the one who journeys with the Church, which is a people of prayer; who knows how to pray in every situation of life; how to pray for the situations experienced by others; how to implore the Lord for what they need. The praying man is the one who presents humanity to God.

Brotherly Love

Brotherly love is a gift from God. It is the love of another that makes me exist. It is the love that constitutes the heart of religious life and the truthfulness of its witness.

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

Fraternity in Service

Received love makes us exist, but given love elevates our existence. The Christian, the man, the religious, the priest who no longer know how to give themselves in love are dead. Fraternal service is the most important thing on which we must insist in our spiritual life. It is a human, Christian, and religious duty.

Lord, here I am, the prodigal son, returning to write notes in this notebook that has been abandoned in the meantime. Why? You know it! I return because I do not know if the end is near. Accept me without judging me, and if you judge me, do not condemn me. I belong to you entirely! I offer you the suffering of my body and my spirit. Six years: illness that does not heal. You know that it is not easy, you see my efforts not to withdraw from anything. Give me the grace to offer you the best of myself in this priesthood.

Spiritual diary, July 6, 1996

He died in Rome on December 9, 1996.