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Dear Confreres,

Our hearts have been heavy ever since we were told that M'TOUDJIEL ABBA had an accident. We are all the more saddened by the passing away of this young priest from Chad on April 15, 2023. Fr Abba was the second Chadian priest. He had only been a priest for about three months. He was a gifted and talented MSFS confrere.

On April 13, 2023, around 10.30 pm, we received the shocking and extremely sad news of the accident of Fr Abba. He was on his way to Moundou from Doba for arranging his first Mass in his native village. He was ordained a Priest on January 28, 2023 and had not yet celebrated his first Mass in his native village.

For the last few months Diesel and petrol are not available in Chad. In the black market it costs around 4 dollars per liter. So, he preferred to travel by bike and on the way at Mbaikoro he had a fatal accident. He was brought to St Joseph Catholic hospital, at Bebedjia right away. They were only able to provide first aid assistance. The echography and scan were performed the next day. He was diagnosed with internal bleeding and many fractures following medical examinations. It was requested that he be transferred to Ndjamena immediately for an emergency procedure. Fathers Francis Ekka and Boris Nixon made the necessary arrangements for an ambulance to transport him to Ndjamena. The 600-kilometer distance and poor road conditions rendered it impossible to take him to Ndjamena by road. There was no possibility of an airlift either. After the surgery, he succumbed to his injury around 1.00 a.m. on April 15, 2023.

Dear Confreres, FR M'TOUDJIEL ABBA was born on September 11, 1990 at Tandjile, in a Catholic family of Geremie ABBA MEKONDION and Agnes MATINODJI. He has four brothers and two sisters. He joined the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales (MSFS- Fransalians) in the year 2011. He did his minor seminary formation at La Feuillette - Cameroon (2011-2013). He completed his Pre-Novitiate at Ndagani, Kenya (2013), Novitiate in Kibaha, Tanzania (2013-2014), and made his first profession on July 14, 2014. He completed his philosophical studies at Lumen Christi Institute, Arusha, Tanzania in 2017 and did his regency in SFS seminary at Ngaoundere from 2017 to 2018. In 2017 he joined the Fransalian community at Fribourg in Switzerland and started his theological studies at a catholic university in Fribourg. In 2020, he returned to Cameroon and continued his theological studies in St Cyprian School of Theology (ETSC) at Ngoya. On January 28, 2023, he was ordained a Priest at Doba, Chad.

FR M'TOUDJIEL ABBA was known to all as a friendly, jovial, and hardworking person. He was a person who always relied on the providence of God. Was a good artist and a talented tailor. Abba stitched his vestment for his ordination. He showed a deep attachment to the Fransalian family and radiated Salesian hospitality and warmth. We were looking forward to knowing how God would use this young priest in the congregation of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales. Now, we must all mourn his untimely departure from this world to his heavenly dwelling place. As we struggle to come to terms with this dreadful loss, our minds are being engulfed with memories, memories that remind us what a wonderful person Abba has been. We are indeed shocked and



saddened by the death of Fr Abba . But for those of us who belong to the world to come, those of us who place our confidence in the Risen Lord, we know that by death, life is not destroyed but transformed.

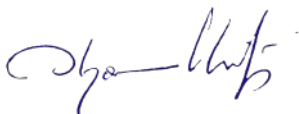
Dear Fr Abba, we know for certain that, no words would suffice to pay our homage and gratitude to you. We raise our arms in gratitude to God for having gifted us with such a lovable person like you. Fr Abba, we continue to love you and you will remain forever in our hearts. We share the grief of the Abba Family, the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, and in a special way the Gaki community and the fathers in Doba and Bero. We have lost a brother. MSFS Congregation lost a talented young priest. The Church has lost a dedicated loyal son.

At this juncture, as we are compelled to bid adieu to our beloved confrere Fr Abba, let us pray that the good Lord may grant him eternal rest. Today, on the 15th of April 2023, the mortal remains of Fr Abba will be brought to St. Daniel Comboni Parish, Doba. The details of funeral service will be informed later. As members of the Fransalian family let us commend our beloved Confrere to the loving hands of our Heavenly Father. With hearts filled with thankfulness and love, let us wish: **ADIEU DEAR FR ABBA.**

VOICE OF SFS

“Pray to God and cast yourself into His arms. O my God, take me into Thy care on that terrible day; may all other days be sad if only that single day will be a happy one!”

Fraternally,



**Fr Thomas Kalariparambil MSFS
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