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Mrs. Odette Makumi-Ngwey is a parishioner of the Blessed Anuarite Parish, run by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. She belongs to the Eymardian Family.



“Mother Ngwey Odette, born March 4, 1955, widowed, I have been an associate of the Blessed Sacrament since 2009, one of the very first 65 associates to take their vows at the Blessed Anuarite Parish. I divide my time between my parish duties, where I am president of the Vocations Commission, president of the Nkumu (auxiliary ministers of the Eucharist), president of the Blessed Anuarite life team, member of the pastoral team; and teaching, where I teach French (phonetics and grammar) at the Kimbondo Inter-Congregational Preparatory School and at the Saint Lucia Inter-Postulancy in Kimbondo. I also teach the History of the French Language to first-year undergraduate students in the Department of French Literature and Civilization at the National Pedagogical University.”

Place of the Eucharist in my life

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Well, the Eucharist means a lot in my life, I can say that it has helped me to face several situations: as a mother, since my daughter had inspired me to go to Mass every day, I have internalized this in my life, missing Mass, not receiving Communion one day is a loss for me, a lack. Sure of this faith, when my husband was ill, as I am an extraordinary minister of communion, I brought him

communion every day. The doctors had given him 5 months but he lived for a whole year, and he told me that his way to God was me.

As a teacher, I make my service an apostolate, at the Propaedeutic and at the inter-postulancy, I do not count on the salary, which is derisory and flat rate, but on being future servants of God. At the University, I do not sell syllabus, I prefer to have them photocopied by the students and I do not suffer from any lack because I know that with Christ in the Eucharist, I have everything.

On March 30, 2021, after Mass, we visited the sick, Father Augustin Mfwankama brought them the anointing of the sick and communion. After visiting the sick, I went to teach.

On the way back, I was a victim of a traffic accident. A vehicle hit the taxi bus I was in, there were 13 deaths, only the driver, a young man and I were alive. The next day, the driver succumbed to the blow to the neck. I came out with two fractures in my right arm and one in my left knee. I had the little cross of the Aggregates with me. After two months of hospitalization, I left the University Clinics for home. After physiotherapy and other treatments in South Africa, I walk and write without any problems.

As I speak, with the young man who has become an evangelist, we are two survivors of the accident that cost the lives of 14 people who were with us on board the taxi bus. My life is a miracle and remains a testimony for many people.

The day of Thursday dedicated to adoration remains very special for me. I do not work but I dedicate it to adoration because the grace of the Lord in my life surpasses everything. Even if I say thank you to Him, it cannot contain what He has done for me. That is why I pray to Him at Mass and at adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. So, I can say that the Eucharist means a lot to me. I take part in all the activities organized at the level of the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament.