



# Les Frères du Sacré-Coeur

## Province d'Afrique de l'Ouest



### News from Ivory Coast

The situation seems more peaceful than before. Security, however is not yet established. The gangsters fill the streets and the districts with their machine guns. Looting after looting! That's their dirty work for the moment. All the large shopping centers on the great Boulevard Giscard d'Estaing (road to the airport) are empty. Especially those of the Lebanese (orca deco, etc.). The French have protected theirs. Aside from what belongs to them, there is nothing more in Abidjan!

The work places, the buildings, the public and private properties, everything has been ransacked or at least plundered, everything certainly taken away to the bordering countries (Mali, Burkina, Liberia, Guinea). Everything is still paralyzed. We are waiting that security becomes reality because IB, another rebel, author of the 1999 Coup has returned. He claims victory. For the moment his troops stationed in Abobo stir terror among the gangsters of Soro. The militia (young patriots) in Yopougon do not want to lay down their weapons. Yop and Abobo are still at war. The situation is still very precarious! We are in reprieve! So everyone stays home. We will see during the coming days.

I reiterate the request of your prayers on behalf of our Brothers working in Côte d'Ivoire; I remind you that two French Brothers, Samuel Albert and Gérard Spanneut are experiencing this stressful reality. May the passion, death and resurrection of Christ bring them new life, a new resurrection!

The victory of life over death is a great celebration of Faith. To each and everyone, a very Happy Easter!

All united around Christ for a common cause”

Brother Jn-Philippe Iroukoura, provincial

