



1864: Lavigerie introduces an examination for Sisters who are teachers in the schools of the diocese of Nancy. The measure is controversial in France. The Holy See approved Lavigerie's initiative.

1870: opening of the postulate of the Brothers in Chassagne (Ardèche)

1873: Consecration of the church of St Cyprian (Attafs)

1878: Lavigerie, Deniaud and Charmetant travel to France to prepare the mission to Equatorial Africa.

1880 : blessing of the paintings and Stations of the Cross in the motherhouse chapel.

1882: Lavigerie receives an official letter from Cardinal Jacobini announcing his certain and imminent elevation to the cardinalate.

Letter to Bishop Bourret about the martyrs of Uganda (20 March 1887)

Dear Monsignor, Dear Friend,

Together with these lines, you will receive one of the most beautiful things of our time. It is a letter from Monsignor Livinhac about his mission in Uganda. I had it printed and sent it to my clergy; at the same time as I sent it to the Propagation of the Faith. I had previously bathed it with tears of admiration, faith, - and [also] shame at finding myself so far from these heroic Christians, born yesterday and yet today the example and glory of the Christian world.

All this, dear Monsignor, comes from Rodez and returns to it as a blessing. When your dear Lordship made the sacrifice of depriving yourself, for the sake of our missions, of the most accomplished subject of his seminary, in the person of Monsignor Livinhac, this was a great act of love for Africa. How fruitful Our Lord has made that love! May he be blessed and reward you a hundredfold for that which you offered with such a generous heart!

Let us hope that all these glorious martyrs will intercede for us one day and have us introduced into heaven! How much better this would be, dear Monsignor, than being divided over Leo XIII's policy and squabbling over how to split hairs while the Church is burning. We have there a new bond uniting us, dear Monsignor, one which is stronger than all the others. So I remain one at heart with you in the love of our courageous apostles of Rouergat and our dear African martyrs.

Letter to Father Charbonnier, Superior general (21st March 1882)

Dear Father,

I am sending you the enclosed letter which seems good to me. Please obtain further information from the director mentioned there and from the superior if necessary; submit it all to the Council and reply to this good seminarian as soon as possible, so that he can come at Easter. I am writing a few words to him. I received your telegram which you sent on my forthcoming promotion to the cardinalate and I thank you for this. I feel embarrassed and overwhelmed by this new weight of responsibility and I am in great need of your prayers. Please ask all the Fathers and the children to pray for me in a special way.

I think the ceremony of the granting of the red skull cap will only take place on Low Sunday. This, at least, is what I requested of the Holy Father so as to give time for Mgr Dusserre and Mgr Combes to come, if they so wish. I should also like a few of our children to be present. They could leave Algiers on the Tuesday after Easter, arrive here on Saturday and return to Algiers the following Tuesday so as to reach there by Saturday. That would make nearly two weeks. See what can be done. I shall of course pay the travel costs and as Saint Louis will be empty that week due to the children's holidays, it should cause no bother to anyone. We should not exaggerate, however, and bring too great a number. No novice should travel. This rule must be respected.

