

**Catholic Primary School St. Pierre
District Sinwè,
Municipality of Agbangninzoun,
Republic of Benin**

The Catholic primary school St. Pierre is located in the Légo district of the Sinwè administrative district, which belongs to the municipality of Agbangninzoun. Agbangninzoun is located in the south of the Zou department. To get there, from Cotonou, take the main road that leads north. We drive past Godomey, Calavi and Allada until we reach Houégbo. At Houégbo, we turn onto the road to Toffo and follow it to Lalo. Before Lalo, a bypass road goes around the town. At the end, we turn right and are now on the new road that leads directly to Agbangninzoun. Before we reach Agbangninzoun, we see the public secondary school of Sinwè on the left. We drive past it. At the second intersection, a road on the right leads to the public primary school of Sinwè-Légo. We drive carefully past the intersection and take the first driveway after the intersection, which leads onto the grounds of the Catholic school complex.

The yard of the Catholic schools house a secondary school and a primary school. The Catholic school of St. Pierre was founded by French missionaries around 1940. It offered free education for all population groups in the country. After the independence of what was then Dahomey in 1960, Mathieu Kerekou's coup followed in 1972, which transformed the country into a Marxist-Leninist system. During this time, the church was expropriated and the St. Pierre school was continued to be run by the government. With the introduction of a multi-party democracy in 1990, the school was returned to the Catholic Church. In 2000, the school started operating again. At the beginning, attendance at the school was free, as before. But when subsidies from France were cut, the school administration was forced to charge school fees to the better-off families. The school fees are set up in such a way that richer families pay part of the school fees for children from poor families.

We meet the Abe Alex Wilfried Koukpodé. He tells us that the secondary school has enough classrooms. For the primary school, rooms are borrowed from the neighboring convent. Years ago, the school tried to build a building that was intended to be a multi-story structure. The foundation is solid, but the iron in the small pillars does not allow a floor to be added. The building could be completed as a ground floor structure.

We propose

1. to complete a ruined building with 4 classrooms

Cost: €35,000

2. to build a toilet block with eight cubicles for the primary school

Cost: €8,000

3. Personnel expenses: supervisor €229 x 6 = €1,374, construction technician €305 x 6 = €1,830 total €3,204
5. Construction inspection costs: €4,000

The total cost of this project is €50,204.
25% of the total cost is €12,551

Aerial photo from Google Earth

