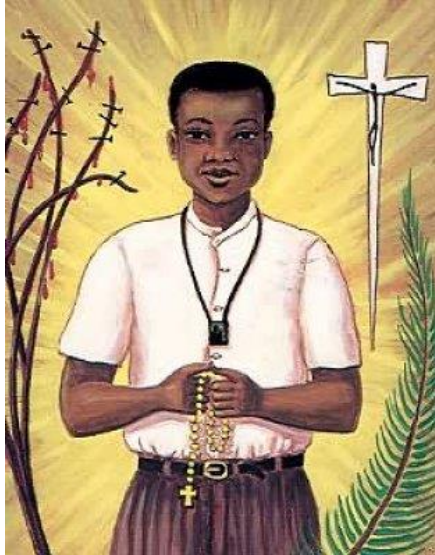


## Module DC37: Spirituality of Social Justice: Isidore Bakanja



This module is an encounter with the Blessed Isidore Bakanja, sometimes called the martyr of the Brown Scapular, one of the prominent figures of the Carmelite Order and of the Congolese church. It will introduce you to a very colourful and interesting kind of spirituality. The first focus is on the place and time in which Bl. Isidore lived. Then follows an account of the life and heroism of this African Lay Carmelite and, finally, his beatification in Rome during the first African synod in 1994. There are five units in the module.

**Unit 1** presents the early personal life of Bakanja, his family, the village and country where he lived during the colonisation in Africa and the engagement of the first missionaries of the modern period and his early spiritual activities.

**Unit 2** is about Bakanja's discovery of the Catholic Church and the deepening of his faith as follower of Jesus-Christ.

**Unit 3** outlines Bakanja's field of conflict, his struggle to be free to express his faith and the struggle of workers for their rights of social engagement.

**Unit 4** deals with the martyrdom of Isidore Bakanja.

**Unit 5** introduces us to the church's celebration of Bl. Isidore Bakanja.