

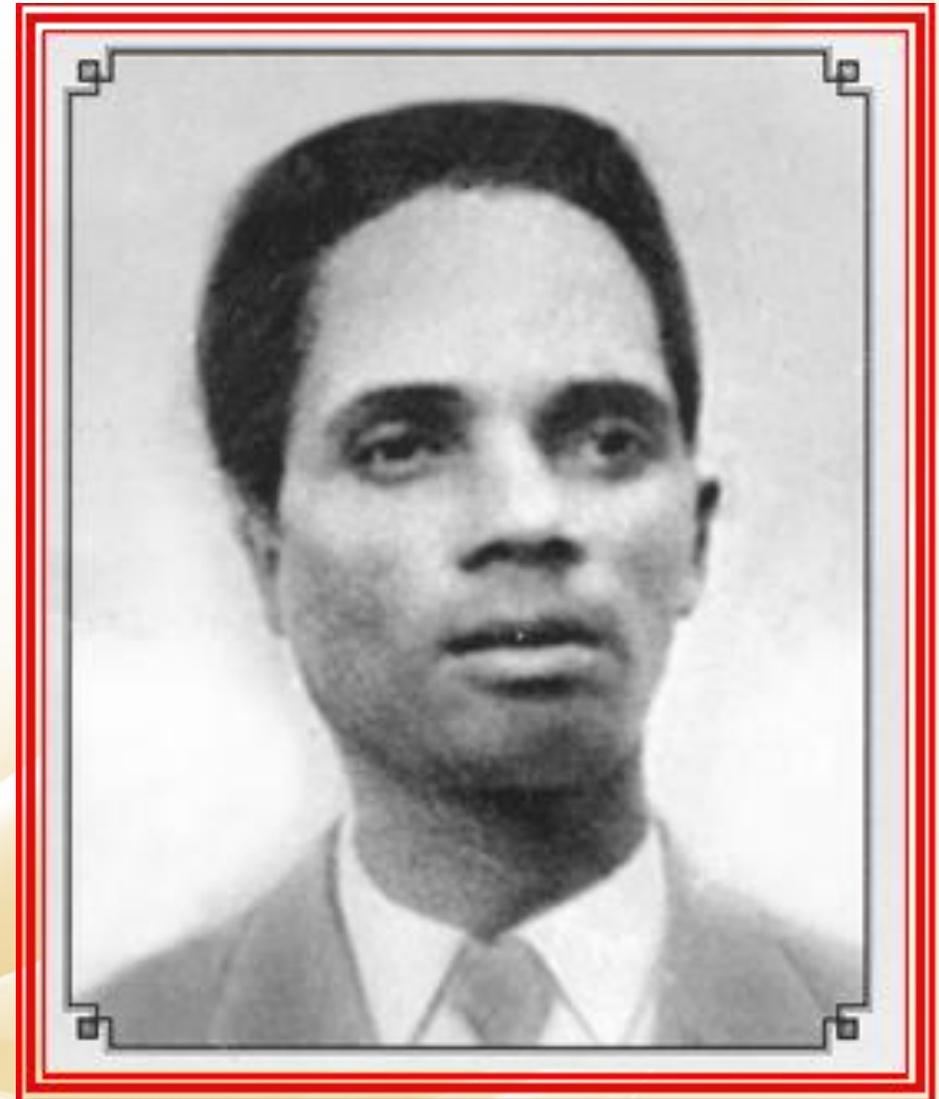
LITANY OF A HUMBLE MAN

- From the wish to be loved by people, protect us, Jesus !
- From the desire to be praised, deliver us, Jesus !
- From the desire to be honoured, deliver us, Jesus !
- From the wish to be preferred to others, protect us, Jesus
- From the wish to become a counselor, deliver us, Jesus !
- From the desire to live comfortably, deliverer us, Jesus
- From fear of being disgraced, deliver us, Jesus !
- From fear of being slandered, deliver us, Jesus !
- From fear of being rejected by people, deliver us, Jesus!
- From fear of being libelled, deliver us, Jesus !
- From fear of being forgotten by people, deliver us, Jesus !
- From fear of being mocked, deliver us, Jesus !
- From fear of being unjustly ridiculed, deliver us Jesus!

*Hand-written prayer of Lucien Botovasoa
which he kept in his Franciscan handbook*

LUCIEN BOTOVASOA

1908-1947



*A convinced Christian, a fervent Secular Franciscan
Martyr of the Faith and justice*

LUCIEN BOTOVASOA

His father	Behandry Joseph , born in 1892 baptised 1902
His mother	Neviantsoa Philomene , born in 1890 and baptised 1925
In 1908	Lucien Botovasoa was born at Vohipeno
In 1922	He receives the sacrament of Baptism and the Eucharist, and was spiritually accompanied by Kembarakaly Marguerite
In 1923	He receives the Sacrament of Confirmation
1924-1928	He is sent to the Jesuits for a teacher training in Fianarantsoa
1928	Graduating from the training School, he was recruited as a tacher in the parish school at Vohipeno
10 October 1930	Marriage in Church to his wife Suzanne Soazara
1940-1941	The Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was founded at Vohipeno
8 December 1944	Lucien Botovasoa was professed in the Secular Franciscan Order
17 April 1947	“If my life must redeem the life of many others, don’t hesitate to kill me” Lucien Botovasoa is put to death, beheaded
2011-2013	The diocese of Farafangana resumes the Cause of his beatification
2014	An inquiry begins in Rome in the process of his beatification
March 2016	The group of historians declares that Lucien Botovasoa was a martyr for his faith
November 2016	The group of theologians accepts that Lucien Botovasoa’s life is exemplary
2 May 2017	Pope Francis grants him the rank of Blessed as a martyr for faith and justice.

THE GOOD QUALITIES OF LUCIEN BOTOVASOA

The theological virtues :

- **Faith**: He entrusted God with his life
- **Hope**: He showed great hope to follow Jesus
- **Charity**: He loved everyone by living on alms

The human virtues :

- **Justice**: He disliked betraying and telling lies
- **Prudence**: allowed him to choose what is truly good
- **Temperance**: He received his choice joyfully
- **Strength**: enabled him to overcome any temptation
- **He was a man of fellowship**: bringing together those who didn’t share the same ideas in different social ranks, tribes,...
- **He loved Nature**: He dested killing animals, even domestic ones.
- **He always shared his Joy**: nobody ever saw him angry

THE PENITENT SECULAR FRANCISCAN

❖ WORSHIPS GOD :

- **PRAYERS**:

- Daily mass
- Saying the rosary, praying at midnight

- **CONFESSION**:

- Once a week

- **FASTS** :

- Twice a week (Wednesday and Friday)

- **THANKS GOD FOR EVERYTHING** :

- Ad majorem Dei Gloriam

❖ LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

❖ AVOID SINNING

❖ RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

- Meditates every day by spending an hour in thought before Mass in front of the Blessed Sacrament.