

Your Majesties, Your Royal Highness, Excellences, Esteemed Laureates, Members of the Roosevelt family, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I consider it a great honor to present the Freedom of Worship Medal today to archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga, imam Omar Kobine Layam and reverend Nicolas GuérékoyameGbangou

Would you please come forward so I can present you the Medal.

I've heard you have been called the three saints of Bangui. So I wondered: what is a saint?

My definition of a saint is someone who is transparent for divine light, love and compassion. By being that transparent, you shower your people and all of us with this divine gifts.

With great courage and personal risk, you give the world what it so badly needs in this sometimes so dark age.

May this medal encourage you to continue your important and so blessed work.

Thank you very much.