

Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast



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During our recent times, He blessed our fellow human being, the former president of Ivory Coast, Félix Houphouët-Boigny , a Catholic like you, like me, including his family. Because he prayed upon praying, GOD allowed him to erect for Him, our Lord and our GOD, the biggest church in the world. So magnificent a Basilica. Blessed is this former President. Blessed be the day he was born.



When you enter this Basilica, you feel the glory of the living GOD. (check it on the internet). If you are blessed enough, make a pilgrimage and see for yourself, then you will glorify GOD who overwhelms people who love Him, with special understanding and special love to Him, our Lord and our GOD.



The **Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** (French: *Basilique Notre-Dame de la Paix*) is a Catholic minor basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, the administrative capital of Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). The basilica was constructed between 1985 and 1989 . The designs of the dome and encircled plaza are clearly inspired by the Basilica of Saint Peter in Vatican City, although it is not an outright replica.



The cornerstone was laid on 10 August 1985, and it was consecrated on 10 September 1990 by Pope John Paul II, who had just formally accepted the basilica as a gift from Félix Houphouët-Boigny on behalf of the Vatican Church.



The basilica is not a cathedral; the nearby Cathedral of Saint Augustine is the principal place of worship and seat of the bishop of the Diocese of Yamoussoukro.



Guinness World Records lists it as the largest "church" in the world, having surpassed the previous record holder, St. Peter's Basilica, upon completion. It has an area of 30,000 square metres (320,000 sq ft) and is 158 metres (518 ft) high. It can accommodate 18,000 worshippers while the esplanade can accommodate a crowd of 300,000.



The basilica is administered by Polish Pallottines.

