

Centennial Mass (left to right): Fr. Benoît Gschwind, provincial of Europe, Fr. Leo van der Klauuw, Fr. Benoît Grière, superior general

On Tuesday, January 6, 2015, the feast of the Epiphany, a large group of Assumptionists from Holland, Belgium, Paris, Rome, and Bucharest gathered in Boxtel and were joined by Oblate Sisters of the Assumption, lay Assumptionists, friends, and local dignitaries to mark the

centenary of the Assumptionist presence in this country.

It was on January 5, 1915 that the first permanent Assumptionist community was founded in Holland at what is known as the Kasteel Stapelen, a 16th century castle purchased by the Congregation from a wealthy Catholic family interested in bringing a religious community to the region. In short time the Assumptionists made of it an alumnate (minor seminary) and eventually put up a separate building to accommodate the growing number of young people interested in such an education.










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