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Assumptionists Vocation focus

Through the commitment of our religious life,
we wish to respond to this vocation and to its evangelical demands,
according to the Lord's gift.
By our vows of poverty, chastity and obedience,
which witness to our faith in Jesus Christ,
we wish to call attention to the ultimate meaning
of human realities and to become servants of the Kingdom.
Rule of Life #25





"The Grace of Final Vows"

by: Bro. Cristopher Quinal, a.a.

In the day of my final vows, before the mass started, a friend priest told me not to be worried. I guess he saw me quite nervous. He told me not to be worried because, as his experience also during his final vows, he did not experience any changes. He said that what I am now before the final vows is the same after the ceremony.

He is very correct because after the ceremony of the final vows, I did not feel anything new. I did not become more handsome, I did not feel stronger like having a power endowed in me. My responsibilities and tasks are still worries and concern for me.



I do not want to say that there is no effect of my professing the final vows. I did not change physically but my life changed. The changes are in my commitment, disposition and in my desire to be a full pledge Assumptionist. My commitment became a full commitment without any reservation to the congregation, to the church, and most of all to God. My disposition is towards a greater fulfillment of my life as a religious. My disposition will be more focused to service which I believe my way of showing my dedication to this chosen vocation. My desires are to grow more in terms of capability, knowledge and skills to be more well- rounded Assumptionist and a worker of the Kingdom.

My final profession of vows is an experience of transfiguration. I am still who I am but I am now more committed religious because of the grace I received from God through such profession.

Adveniat Regnum Tuum

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Give me the grace to follow my vocation
So that as a true son of the Church and of the Blessed Virgin
I may imitate not too unworthily the virtues of Jesus, my Master.

Fr. Emmanuel d'Alzon

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