

Day Two: Deepening our roots



Now that the engine has started and the ice has been broken, the participants of the Asian Assumptionists' Joint Formation started their second day with a reflection on the essentials of Assumptionist life.

Fr. Duy emphasized in his homily at the morning Mass the value of true brotherhood amidst conflicts and differences. This is one among the many essential features of the Assumption.

Fr. Ngoa led the sessions of the day, focusing on Assumptionist spirituality and charism. The sessions were not meant to be a "second novitiate" but were meant to be a reminder of the Assumptionist essentials and how we will be able to communicate them with ease and confidence.

In one activity, participants made an in-depth rediscovery of the legacy of Father d'Alzon. They listed down certain aspects of the context of the church and society during the Founder's time and co-related these with his convictions, goals and means.

For instance, the participants were asked to list "top ten" important features of Assumptionist spirituality. When speaking about our Assumptionist heritage, these features are considered to be indispensible and non-negotiable *(please see list)*.

Fr. Duy has been patiently translating exchanges from Vietnamese to English and vice-versa. Likewise, small group conversations had to be made according to languages: one in French, one in Vietnamese and two in English. More and more, the need to learn a common language become a tangible reality here in Asia.

After another busy day, the participants had vespers and dinner with teachers and students of Assumption Language College. A short sharing about the school's mission took place. This was followed by an interesting video documentary of the teachers' experience of their very recent English Camp for the Missionary Sisters of Charity and the Lovers of the Most Holy Cross Sisters in Vinh, Vietnam.



Happy birthday, Joseph Thien!
Glad to celebrate your birthday with all of us.

ASIAN ASSUMPTIONISTS JOINT FORMATION

TOP TEN
(in no particular hierarchy of importance)

Augustinian heritage

Apostolic community

Centrality of Christ

Triple Love: Jesus, Mary, Church

Our motto: Adveniat Regnum Tuum

Education and communication

Triple virtues: frankness, audacity, and disinterestedness

Triple spirit: doctrinal, social and ecumenical

Rights of God

Being simply Catholic

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