

Opening celebration, Valpre, Friday, April 28 with three Superiors General, present and past.

THE NUMBER OF THE DAY
52 Communities at the birth of the Province of Europe on April 29, 2014, with 341 Religious, 52 communities in 18 countries and on 4 continents. In 2016, the Province has a total of 137 brothers in formation.

THE DOCUMENT OF THE DAY
How to transmit the charism ? An anlysis by Fr. Richard Lamoureux (Province of North America/Philippines), former Superior General.

Info
33rd General Chapter of the Assumptionists
April 28 - May 17, 2017

Day 5 | May 2, 2017

THE LAY-RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE IS HERE TO STAY



Future grotto for the Emmanuel d'Alzon Center in Goma (Democratic Republic of Congo) which mobilizes a great number of lay persons

It is worth noting that it was a result of the call of the lay people and the Oblate Sisters that the Religious of the Province of Africa established a community in Goma in 2012. Today, some 400 lay people come to the Emmanuel Parish regularly. They have many projects such as the plans for a grotto seen above. This is what the members of the Chapter discovered as they viewed a 30 minute film featuring the leaders of the group along with their Pastor, Fr Roger. They shared their every day experience and the dream for an Assumptionist fraternity. The lay Assumptionists have recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary. This morning was dedicated to a review of the Provinces beginning with the Province of Europe in no less than four continents and a return to the Lay-Religious Alliance (see below). Fr General repeated that the Alliance is here to stay. Representatives from the International Commission which is composed of two Religious and three lay members, showed how their mandate requires that they continue their work. The Chapter will return to this topic.

Two other items are to be noted on this rainy day. First of all, the presentation of projections for the demographic future of the Congregation as established by the general team. From 2004 to 2014, the Congregation had an average of 42 Novices each year. The exercise reveals that in 2025 the number of religious should be in steady growth and the age pyramid should return to a