

On June 21, 2017, after consultation with the Assumptionists throughout the North American region, Assumption College Vice President for Mission Father Dennis Gallagher, A.A. was appointed Provincial Superior of the North American Province of the Augustinians of the Assumption by Fr. Benoît Grière, A.A., Superior General of the Congregation.

As Provincial of the North American Province, Fr. Gallagher will oversee Assumptionist communities in the three geographical areas of the Province: United States, Mexico and Quebec. He will collaborate with a team of Councilors to advance the mission of the Province, and will serve as an agent of unity in the midst of diverse cultures and apostolic orientations, with a special regard for the two “mobilizing works” in the Province: Assumption College and Bayard Press. In addition, he will serve on the General Plenary Council, comprised of the Superior General and his Council, and the Provincial Superiors of the five other Provinces in Europe, Africa, Brazil, the Andean Province and Madagascar, who help to provide leadership for the Congregation.

For the first six months in his new position Fr. Gallagher will also oversee Assumptionist communities in the Philippines, prior to their transition to a new organizational structure led by another Provincial. There are 900 Religious worldwide!

Appointed Vice President for Mission at Assumption College in 2000, Fr. Gallagher has also served as a member of the President's Cabinet for 17 years. During his tenure at Assumption, from 2003 to 2011, Fr. Gallagher also served as Regional Superior of the Assumptionists in the United States. Prior to his appointment to the Office for Mission, Fr. Gallagher taught in the Theology Department at Assumption. His academic interests center on the encounter of Christian faith with modern culture. Fr. Gallagher authors a column in *Assumption Magazine* that explores how mission is intertwined in all aspects of the life of the College.

In addition to his responsibilities at the College, which include celebrating Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Fr. Gallagher also served for many years as a weekend assistant at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Northborough. He was ordained on August 26, 1978.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Massachusetts, Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 42 majors and 48 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies, as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs – each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students, whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy campus, become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information about Assumption College please visit www.assumption.edu .

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, as well as books, booklets, digital products and one of France's daily newspapers,

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