



Assumption College was the site of the annual Assumptionist retreat, August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 14<sup>th</sup>, for the U.S. Region of the congregation. Directed by Fr. Richard Lamoureux, A.A., Superior General, the theme "A Path of Holiness...in the footsteps of Emmanuel d'Alzon" was developed through reflecting principally on the letters of Fr. d'Alzon and correlated with appropriate scriptural texts.

Focusing on a different aspect of Fr. d'Alzon's life each day, Fr. Lamoureux reflectively chronicled the spiritual and ministerial growth of the congregation's founder, as a passionate man of God, patiently waiting for the direction of the Spirit, as he courageously sought to serve the Church he loved at a most painful and chaotic time in her history. The daily reflections included Fr. d'Alzon's initial call to follow Christ, his love for the Church, the challenges of community and mission, the failures encountered in ministry, and the overriding sense of hope and vision for the future of his community, the Church and society. Truly Fr. d'Alzon, as a man of prayer and action, is an inspiration for all Catholic Christians today!