



This Christmas, the anniversary of the founding of the Assumptionists in 1845 by Rev. Emmanuel d'Alzon, the Assumptionists of the United States Region will be launching an [online library](#)

of Assumptionist literature: writings of Fr. d'Alzon which have been translated into English, biographies about him, books on Assumptionist spirituality, history, and missions, and other material about the life of the congregation.

For those interested in the original writings of the founder in French, they may find them at [http://www.assomption.org/totale\\_biblio.php](http://www.assomption.org/totale_biblio.php), the website of the Assumptionists of France.

Since 1980, the anniversary of the death of Fr. d'Alzon, up to this past year 2010, the bicentennial of his birth, there has been a sustained effort to offer readers in the English-speaking world access to the writings of this man declared Venerable on December 21, 1991 by Pope John Paul II. He wrote prodigiously - retreats, meditations, newspaper articles, thousands of letters, guidelines for his congregation, treatises on various topics (especially education), etc. Many lay-people throughout the world have begun to study his life and thought more closely as well as the Assumptionist charism and have asked to know more about him. Some have even asked to become Lay Associates of the Assumptionists. We also understand that it is not always practical to ship books and other material to Third World countries where young people in formation and Lay-Associates desire to know more about the founder.

