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On Monday, November 11, 2013, several hundred people gathered in the chapel of the Assumptionist retirement community of Espirito Santo do Pinhal (Brazil) to celebrate the hundredth birthday of the oldest living Assumptionist, Fr. Lambert van de Leemput, a Dutch missionary who arrived in Brazil over 65 years ago.

Considered unable to undertake the rigorous curriculum of philosophy and theology, he dedicated himself first to the simple tasks of house manager and sacristan, but quickly turned the bricklaying skills that he learned from his father to become an amateur engineer, electrician, and architect, responsible for the construction of several Assumptionist churches and buildings.

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Members of the 1954 Assumptionist priestly community, including the oldest member, Fr. Albert, are gathered around a table in the community hall, looking at a tablet computer. The table is covered with a floral tablecloth and has glasses and a bottle on it. Other people are visible in the background.

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