

## OLDEST ASSUMPTIONIST CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

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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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During the night, also began, targeted classes, at the Assumptionist minor seminary, courses in

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Albert of the 1950s and 60s, a priest, brings a photo of the Bishop of San Francisco to the table.

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