



Benedict XVIth writes to the Chapter

“As you recall the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Emmanuel d’Alzon, His Holiness encourages you to draw fresh inspiration from your founder’s vision, so timely in our day, of the great importance for evangelization of social communications, education and ecumenism.

In a world hungry for the word of life, the work of your Congregation in spreading that word and helping people to explore its depths makes a vital contribution to the growth of God’s Kingdom. So too, your founder’s perception of the moral exhaustion characteristic of 19th century Europe has striking parallels in the modern world. The Holy Father invites you to proclaim afresh, by word and example, this wise teaching of Blessed John Paul II: ‘Christian morality consists, in the simplicity of the Gospel, in following Jesus Christ, in abandoning oneself to him, in letting oneself be transformed by his grace and renewed by his mercy, gifts which come to us in the living communion of his Church’ (Veritatis Splendor, 119).

Commending all of you to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, gloriously assumed into heaven, and to the intercession of your patron Saint Augustine, His Holiness gladly imparts his Apostolic Blessing to you and all the members of the Assumptionist family.”

(Letter sent on May 2nd, 2011 by Mgr Fernando Filoni, Substitute, to Fr. Richard E. Lamoureux).

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