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A DREAM COME TRUE!

On January 18th the "founding members" of our first local Assumptionist community finally landed in the Philippines. Very quickly we took possession of a rented house in Quezon City, close to the University, where the Assumptionist brothers will continue their studies. As soon as we arrived, with great enthusiasm, the Assumptionist Family is excited to hear about the new Community in the Philippines. Now that the community has settled in and opened its doors we want to share with you some stories of Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and their families and children.

We hope you will read some historical facts about the beginning of our Assumptionist Family. We have focused on the links between the Religious of the Assumption and the Assumptionists of the Philippines.

Photo: Opening of the Assumption House, Philippines (7/2006)

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CASSADAGA REUNION 2006 by Patricia Marie Hegarty

The spirit of Fr. J. Nolas permeated the grounds of St. Anne St. Patrick Park in the Finger Lakes, NY at the Cassadaga Community Center. On July 20th, the day was warm and sunny and hearts were filled with that same sense of warmth and reunion. The majority of the "original 60"

Photo: Cassadaga Reunion 2006 (7/2006)

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FOSTERING A CULTURE OF VOCATION by Eusebio's GR by John Piconi, AA

In a young boy I can remember meeting many times because of my Father's work. Each time it meant spending the family leaving friends behind, and adjusting to new environments. But some things never changed in the heart of my vocation. After years of service, my mother trained in placing us in Catholic schools. I am not sure of the measure for this choice; her own upbringing, her conviction that we would receive a better and more comprehensive education, her discipline, her desire that we learn our faith and its traditions, her wish that we find integrity she could trust, or her sense that with an education would provide us with a sense of security and opportunity. An answer seems to me that would lead us right, but there was something else about it: a Catholic education which grounded us in our faith, gave our direction. I would call it a "culture of vocation." I do not mean to say that you were almost daily invited to consider a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life. That goes without saying! How many times during my and this group's old St. Eusebio's, our dormitory had taught instruction five minutes before us the means of discerning the laic or spiritual

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AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITY by Patricia Hegarty

In his book, *Dream for the Journey* (Harper Collins, 1997), Henri Nouwen tells us that the true question about community is not "How can we make community?" but rather "How can we develop and move giving hearts?" Although dedicated to the works of Father of Koon, the Assumptionists undoubtedly have absorbed to some of the teachings of Nouwen. They are truly men who have incorporated as their mission the concept of nurturing "giving hearts."

Photo: Assumptionist Formation Program (12/2006)

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