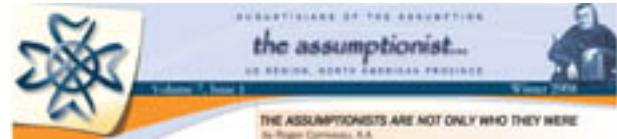


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EDITOR'S DESK

Message and welcome to this issue of the assumptionist...

Since the last General Chapter of the Congregation had just place in Rome in 2006, many new developments have place. It was during that meeting in Rome that more lay people actively participated for the first time. Religious Assumptionists have reconsidered their needs to be the beginning of a new chapter of their original under - and also the realization of Father Alberto's vision.

In response to the request of there-be Assumptionists in the United States, a call to action has been received

THE ASSUMPTIONISTS ARE NOT ONLY WHO THEY WERE

By Roger Cormeau, A.A.

Did you know that almost fourteen years ago, the General Chapter of 1995, remitted us Assumptionists of a strong hope for another heart? "Emmanuel d'Assomption of an Assumption consisting of his people and of religious who would carry together a passion for the Kingdom of God in the world of this own day." Two years ago, the General Chapter of 2005, took another step to realize this dream by inviting fourteen lay men and women to participate in the final session of the Chapter. From those meetings there emerged a seminal idea that has begun to grow in the hearts of religious and lay persons!

All of you come to know the Assumptionists through a relationship with one of their communities. Some of you may to know them at the same time as I did. We were together in a school founded and staffed by Assumptionists. Through everyday contact with them we came to value their life built on faithfulness and intimacy; we developed a witty sense of humor; we stretched ourselves beyond who we were through intellectual rigor; we got to acquire and much through self-reduced discipline; and we discovered a deep love

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Here we are once again in the middle of summer, and so we send along our warmest greetings to all of you. By the way, here's a little-known fact to impress you: as of this mailing, you are now part of a regular meeting list for the assumptionist... - of 17,640! Wow!

This issue includes a very special segment in the ministry of the Assumptionists at Saint Anne's Shrine in Blarbridge. The Angel of Hope is one more way in which we are committed to strengthening the community of the Kingdom of God, in their shrines that stand in closer with who we are.

AN ANGEL OF HOPE by Patricia Mann Maguire

Cary Landry tells us that "there is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me." Indeed, to the many parents who have lost a child, this is not the case. These parental struggles with the loss of their little angels, and they try to find the means to cope with each passing day.

To many, the Angel of Hope is their source of consolation. Not only is Angel of Hope a statue, but it is also a reliquary of growing parentals. One can find this symbol of grace on the grounds of Saint Anne's Church and Shrine. This beautiful statue in its white porcelain becomes these looking for solace. The angel welcomes all with its outstretched wings that appear ready to enfold everyone with its comforting wingspan. On one wing is engraved the word,



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"Gathered in Jesus Christ and responsive to the needs of the times are the Assumptionists in the United States Region, are men of prayer and whole living in St. Blasius Seminary."

Continuing responsive to collaborative leadership and formation in the Church, we preach and foster education in all its forms, inspired by the spirit of the Gospels, "we go wherever God is

EDUCATION IN ALL ITS FORMS by Dennis Callahan, A.A.



Nobody is likely to accuse the Assumptionists of being an overly homogeneous lot. It doesn't take long to discover that religious community is not a gathering of identical friends - but one does often enough hear an appreciation for the uniqueness that characterizes our approach to pastoral service. I am persuaded that this is no accident but rather an expression of an enduring dimension of Fr. Alberione's gift to the Church, who insisted on the distinct character of all of our religious work and who encouraged us to foster "bold