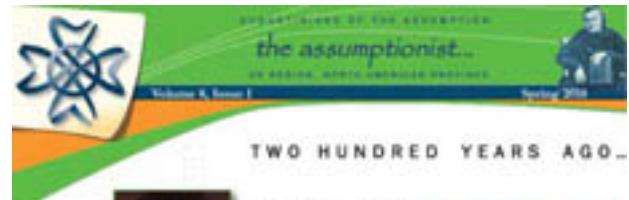
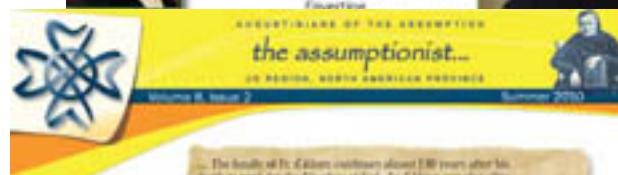


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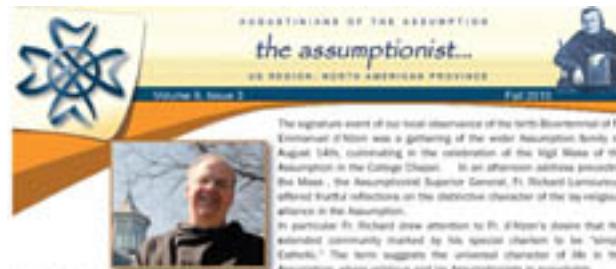
From an
assumptionist by Fr. Jim

... The family of Fr. d'Alzon continues almost 100 years after his death to work for the Kingdom of God. Fr. d'Alzon would always encourage us...

... The Assumptionists are a family with many faces, ages and cultures, young and old, men and women, and lots of Therese of Lisieux, of Aquinas, of Alphonse and we are all heirs of Emmanuel d'Alzon. Father and Fr. d'Alzon had a passion for the cause of the Kingdom of God ... and he wanted to share this passion with brothers and sisters in the Assumptionist family.

... We are members of one family without any boundaries. While maintaining your proper vocation as brothers, fathers or mothers of families, you are also priests! Because Fr. d'Alzon from the beginning intended to associate fully with the children of his community. We are in fact fathers or mothers. We are also brothers and sisters in our apostolate for the Kingdom. As long as it was true here, connected the call of the Spirit who invited each to join us in proclaiming the Good News.

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The signature event of our local observance of the term 'Bicentennial of Fr. Emmanuel d'Alzon' was a gathering of the entire Assumptionist family in August 14th, culminating in the celebration of the High Mass of the Assumption in the College Chapel. In an afternoon address preceding the Mass, the Assumptionist Superior General, Fr. Richard Lamouroux offered frank reflections on the distinctive character of the big-hearted alliance in the Assumptionist family. In particular, Fr. Richard drew attention to Fr. d'Alzon's desire that his extended community marked by his special charism to be "hungry" ("faimé"). This term suggests the universal character of life in the Assumption, where religious and lay Assumptionists in innumerable different cultures have come together to pray, to read and reflect, and to serve the needs of the most vulnerable.

This issue of our newsletter highlights a number of ways in which the US Region and the North American Province continue to embody the animating spirit of Fr. d'Alzon in collaborative efforts to build up Christ's body and to get "wherever God is threatening to meet and meet threatened as the image of God." (cf. Rule of Life 4, Mission Statement of the US Region). These initiatives are suffused with a substantially new hope by the rediscovery by so many throughout the Congregation of the relevance of d'Alzon's vision to the "hungry heart" of our contemporaries. We are so grateful for this grace of the Bicentennial year!

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