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Welcome and welcome to this issue of *the assumptionist...*

Every year we are blessed with the opportunity to meet more of our Assumptionist brothers from all corners of the world. In this issue we are pleased to introduce you to three Assumptionists from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Father Salvatore Kasekwa Musende and Father Omere Mbousa Simeone live in the Emmanuel House Community in Worcester and study at Assumption College. Father Vincent Machado lives in the Brighton Community and studies at Boston University.

Father John French, who spent 1970-1972 as a volunteer teacher in Beni-Semende, near the border of Uganda, speaks of his joy in living again with young Congolese. "It's a great sense of joy having young Congolese Assumptionists living here. They remind us of a reality that can sometimes seem so far away, a reality that the media tends to forget, that of the crisis facing the Congo and so many other African countries. The way they pray and the stories they tell at meals and meetings keep our horizons open wide and not simply focused on Assumption College, or Worcester, or even the USA. They bring a completely different experience of Church, of one where Church is central to the life of people, where people take time to celebrate their faith, where the challenges of evangelization are so different,

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The United States Region has had to live through difficult moments this summer. We regret to inform you that two very special Assumptionists have died in the past few weeks. Fr. Albert-Ernest Bourcier, A.A., passed away on June 20th. He will be buried in the Assumptionist plot in St. Anne's Cemetery in Pleasanton, on July 3rd (or August 1st). Fr. George M. Savard, A.A., internationally recognized theologian and ecumenist, died suddenly at the airport in Paris, France, as he was boarding a plane to return to the United States. Fr. George was buried in Paris.

ADVANCING THE KINGDOM - AT ANY AGE by Patricia Freggerty
A Conversation with three special Assumptionists

What could possibly pull me away from a beautiful, sunny day at the beach? I had been spending time in the New Hampshire coast with my family enjoying the sun, sand, and surf. However, the opportunity to interview some Assumptionists about their retirement was something I couldn't turn down. I wanted to find out what Assumptionists retirees did while living at their residence on Old English Road.

What I had envisioned as an interview turned out to be a wonderful conversation with three members of the Assumption community. When I arrived at 100 Old English, Father Eugene

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In the Assumptionists' Mission Statement for the United States Region, we describe our role to cultivate leadership and formation in the Church, in its schools, preach and offer education in all its forms. In the spirit of our mission we would like to share a short story of the Resumption College in which Father D'Alton presents the Assumptionist commitment to the ongoing formation of leaders within the Church. Also in this issue you will find some updates from two of our communities. Father Oduye provides an overview of recent events at the Assumption College in Pleasanton, while Father Proulx

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