



Nestled in a national forest 20 miles southwest of Paris lies the sleepy village of St. Lambert-des-Bois with its typical stone residences and its picturesque 12<sup>th</sup> century chapel. Several years ago the Assumptionists were asked to replace a small Benedictine community that some 60 years ago built a lovely retreat and conference center.

It was in this setting that the Assumptionist Plenary General Council/PGC (the superior general, his team, and the six provincials of the congregation) held their semi-annual meeting. During these meetings the PGC discusses any number of recurring topics: openings and closings of houses, the first assignments of newly ordained priests, an evaluation of the mobilizing works of the congregation (such as Assumption College and Bayard Press), the financial state of the congregation, and relations with lay partners. There are in addition to these topics a series of others which touch on the ongoing life of the institute.

