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**A DREAM COME TRUE!**

On January 28th the "founding members" of our first local Assumptionist community finally landed in the Philippines. We quickly set up a permanent office in Quezon City, close to the Marikina, a Jesuit University, where the Assumptionist brothers will continue their studies. As soon as we arrived, with

**EDITOR'S DESK**

The local Assumptionist Family is excited to hear about the new Community in the Philippines. We hope that the community has come to and opened its doors so we can work with you some stories of Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, and Choir and Brothers for our Community.

This issue you will read some historical facts about the beginnings of our Assumptionist Family. We have focused on the ties between the Kingdom of the Philippines and the Assumption of the

**CASSADAGA REUNION 2006** by Patricia Marie Haggerty

The spirit of Ft. of Assumption permeated the grounds of St. Anne St. Patrick Parish in Scituate, MA at the Our Lady of Assumption Seminary Reunion. On July 29th, the day was warm and sunny and hearts were filled with that same sense of warmth and nostalgia. The essence of the "familiar old"

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Members are important in everyone's life. Reunions help connect the dots from the past with those from present. Within the last few months we have Assumptionist reunions that past. Some Assumptionist were reunited with parishioners that they served for many years at Our Lady of Assumption Parish in West 12th Street in Manhattan. The other event was the reunion of those who, 40 years ago, were part of Our Lady of Lourdes Seminary in Caswell, VA. It will mean the Assumptionist started diligently in studying the participants in New York City or young men in Caswell. These reunions work a special connection in Assumptionist into the past about to the

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**FOSTERING A CULTURE OF VOCATION: St. Ephrem's 50th** by John Francis, S.A.

As a young boy I can remember hearing these words because of my father's work. Each time I heard speaking the family leaving friends behind, and adjusting to new circumstances. But some things never changed in the midst of all this upheaval. Whenever we went, my mother insisted in joining us in Catholic schools. I am not sure of all the reasons for this choice, but over the years, 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 friends who could trust, or feel secure that such an education would provide us with some sense of stability and continuity. On almost each of these moves she would have been right. But there was something else about such a Catholic education which grounded us and gave our lives direction. I would call it a "culture of vocation." I do not mean to say that you were almost daily treated to consider a vocation to be the greatest and/or religious life. That goes without saying! How many times during 7th and 8th grades did St. Ephrem, our distinctive but tough professor, and durable belief in the power of Eucharist the Eucharist to sustain

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Birthdays and anniversaries in this issue of the Assumptionist... The Assumptionist's Year of Life began that, through the month, the Assumptionist built up the Church and give priority in evangelizing and offering Christian care that, particularly religious and priests. It is an honor to have public figures, speakers, directors for the U.S. Region of the Assumptionist talks about fostering a culture of vocation in a July, early words.

How in this issue of the Assumptionist... you can read about the work of St. Ephrem (Assumptionist) of the Assumptionist's Commission and read the Assumptionist, the young individuals who have contributed to a year of Christian work. In addition, there are stories about

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**AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITY** by Patricia Haggerty

In his book, Bread 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 nurture going hearts?" Although indebted to the words of Father of Rome, the Assumptionist undoubtedly have ascribed to some of the teachings of Nouwen. They are truly men who have incorporated as their mission the concept of nurturing "going hearts."

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Birthdays and anniversaries in this issue of the Assumptionist... A strong community is integral to parish life. The quest has always been at the center of the Assumptionist teachings and their mission of nurturing "going hearts". In this issue you can read more about the Assumptionist's many acts of social outreach and their action in both domestic and international settings. "At the Heart of Community". It's an inspiring and motivational task made the good works of the Assumptionist and their devotion to the community. Haggerty also describes the amazing transformation of St. Anne's - St. Patrick's parish, which has seen eight

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