



THE ASSUMPTIONIST CENTER: LEARNING TO "BE CHURCH"



"Centered in Jesus Christ and responsive to the needs of the time, we, the Assumptionists in the United States, are men of prayer and study living in fraternal community. Committing ourselves to collaborative leadership and formation in the Church, we teach, preach and foster education in all its forms.
[from our Mission Statement]

Taking our direction from this statement, our goal at the Assumptionist Center in Brighton is to build a Christian community composed of religious and lay people inspired by the Assumptionist Rule of Life and in the Augustinian model

On November 21 of 2013, the Assumptionist Center community received these lines from one of our residents who tells us how he experiences our life at the Center ...

Dear friends,

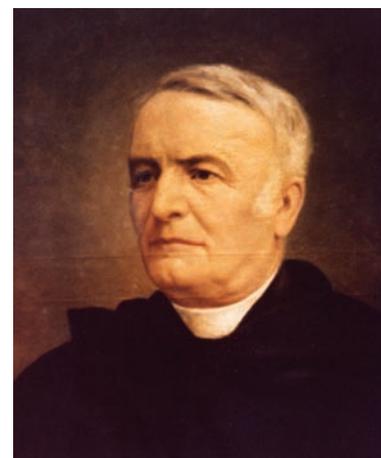
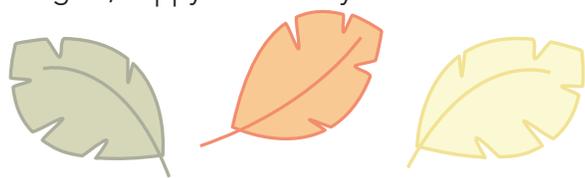
Today is the anniversary of the death of Fr. d'Alzon. It is a significant day for the Assumption family which includes all of us living in this household. At Mass this morning, I was simply grateful for relationships formed in this house.

So I would like to take this opportunity to first thank the Assumptionist fathers and brothers for your hospitality - your kindness and availability to accommodate to so many of our needs is a witness to God's outreach. It must not have been easy ... so thank you for showing me the joy and the challenges that come with Christian hospitality.

And to all of you whom I've come to know - thank you for your presence as a community. As an international student who lived on my own the last two years, this semester has been different because of your friendship. I am grateful for conversations that we've had ... and even when I don't say anything, know that I'm appreciative of the fact that there're people around. Thank you for making me feel so much less alone. I am also not perfect ... and if I've caused any hurt to anyone of you, please let me know and forgive me.

Thanks be to God for this day, and for the vision of Fr d'Alzon that has made all our experiences in this household possible. I look forward to the many grace-filled encounters that continue to unfold in this community ... as well as to our celebration of faith in prayer and liturgy, especially on other significant days such as this. So, once again, happy anniversary to us all!

Peace,
Alfred



„ FAITH FORMATION, BUILDING UNITY AND COMMUNITY AND REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED!



The search for God also requires a commitment to learning and study: study of the Word of God, study of Truth in all its manifestations, knowledge of our Judeo-Christian roots and tradition, understanding the interaction between our life as citizens of today's world and as searchers and believers. Conversations at the Center provide regular and organized moments of shared discovery

The Assumptionist Center community gathers Assumptionist religious with lay men and women, other religious brothers and sisters, singles and young families, employees and friends from many countries and varied cultural backgrounds. And we invite a number of graduate students and young professionals to live with us as we all work together to create and live in a Christian community in the Catholic and Assumptionist tradition. We hope to propose some shared values and experiences that will be attractive and helpful to all of us "on the way."

Taizé
 Augustinians of the Assumption
 Invite all the faithful
 For Prayer with the songs of Taizé
 Every second Saturday of the month
 at 6:30pm
 Assumptionist Center
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Since the Assumptionist Center is our home, everyone, religious and resident, is expected to share in the ordinary life of the community and encouraged to share in its responsibilities of care and maintenance of the house and grounds.



Community prayer is at the heart of this community, especially the Eucharist and the Prayer of Christians (The Liturgy of the Hours). Therefore, we gather for communal prayer every morning and evening and we invite everyone to take an active role in these celebrations and to join us as often as possible. Together we will also search for other moments and types of prayer options. It is our hope that we will all grow in our personal relationship with God during our time together, and we believe that communal prayer is an essential way of achieving this goal.



"It is important that the community be hospitable" (Assumptionist Rule of Life, # 10). Residents are free and even encouraged to invite family, friends or colleagues to share in the prayer life, meals, socials, continuing education events, etc.

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Community meals are also a special time in the life of the community, "... opportunities for us to cement, in all simplicity, the bonds that unite us." (Assumptionist Rule of Life, # 9) And so we gather for a common meal once a day (usually in the evening) which residents are encouraged to share with us as often as they can. These are also opportunities to build community and relationships, special times for the members of the community to share their interests, their work and their daily experiences.

Other times and types of interaction (recreational moments, community socials, movie nights, etc.) are an important part of our life together as well.



“The life of the community has been a rock of constancy, support, affection and love manifesting God. The rhythm of community life (prayer, meals and social times) has been an anchor for the rhythm of my personal life. One of my favorite aspects of living at the Assumptionist Center has been discovering the uniqueness and endearing personalities of everyone that speaks of the creative love and humor of God.



The Assumptionist Center has become a home for me.”



Matthew

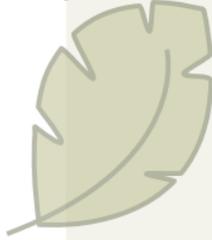
“Both new and returning residents helped to make the Assumptionist Center a prayerful, studious and enjoyable environment. I will always be grateful to have been a resident at the Center.”



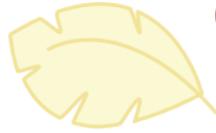
Mike



“I know that when I lookback upon my time at the Assumptionist Center I will always smile.”



Chris



“The residents at the Assumptionist Center have been a family to me. The community especially, has given me an example of respect, brotherly love, love of the Church, love of God and the daily dedication to mission.”



Joe



“The diverse makeup of the Center has exposed me to traditions, cultures and views that I was unfamiliar with, but greatly appreciated learning about. It has also been a privilege to live and study with young men who are preparing to be future leaders in the Church and educators of the faithful. The environment has been prayerful, respectful, social and entertaining. I would recommend the Center to any young man who desires a greater understanding of and immersion into what the Church is.”



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