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 of the Assumption

## ASSUMPTIONIST CAMPUS MINISTRY ...

### FROM YOUR EDITOR'S DESK

The winter has been sad for the Assumptionists; our Region lost four of our brothers: Fr. Bernard Guillet, Fr. Wilfrid Dufault, Bro. Omer Gemme and Fr. Anselme Morrison. We thank God for the gift of their lives and pray that they will now live forever with Him!

However, this Spring issue is filled with **hope**. Our primary focus is on the ministry that is being done on College campuses by Assumptionists and their colleagues: at Assumption College as well as at Babson and Bentley Colleges.

This gives us a chance to introduce a number of the lay folks in our family. And we're also happy to share with you some reflections by Tim Hoppe. Tim is a young layman, who is a volunteer in the **Associate Missionaries of the Assumption**, founded by the Religious Sisters of the Assumption (and now carried on in collaboration with the Assumptionists).

Brother Ricky Montanez (our first Filipino Assumptionist) shares a little of his story with us.

And we have some exciting news about a new ministry at the Assumptionist Center in Brighton.

Remember, too, that you can always find more (story and photos) at our website: [www.assumption.us](http://www.assumption.us).

Father Donald Espinosa, A.A.

***If we're going to be able to "introduce you to one another" (as we promised in our first issue), we need your help. Please tell us about you so that we can share the good news with the rest of the "family." Please send me news and photos at: [newsletter@assumptio.org](mailto:newsletter@assumptio.org)***

### ... at ASSUMPTION COLLEGE in Worcester MA



(from L to R) Fr. Jerome Lively, AA, Dr. Frank Corbin, Mr. John Fleming, Sr. Cathleen Toomey, RSM, Mrs. Stephanie McCaffrey, Mrs. Jennifer Dubos, Fr.

As the College's sponsors, the Assumptionists have a special responsibility for Campus Ministry at Assumption. Fr. Dennis Gallagher, Vice-President for Mission, works with Sr Cathleen Toomey, RSM, (Acting Director of Campus Ministry) and the Team.

In addition to the regular worship life and faith formation (with Dinner discussions, Chapel choir and ministries, Candlelight Prayer, student Retreats, etc.), the Team has developed a strong program

of "insertion" activities (coordinated by John Fleming) which provide student volunteers  
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### ... at BENTLEY COLLEGE in Waltham MA

Fr. Claude Grenache, AA writes about his ministry.

As the Director of the Spiritual Life Center at Bentley College, I work with a team made up of a Baptist Minister, a Rabbi, two Muslim advisers, a Buddhist coordinator and a Hindu adviser. We have taken as one of our goals to model inter-faith collaboration and friendship. We attempt to appear together whenever possible and are often asked to give invocations or address classes on the topic of religious diversity.



(from L to R) Fr. Claude Grenache, AA: Director of Spiritual Life Center; Pierce Butler: Adviser to Buddhist students / leader in meditation practices; Rev. Katrina Jenkins: Baptist Minister /Protestant Chaplain; Rabbi Jeffrey Foust:

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### ... at BABSON COLLEGE in Wellesley MA



Fr. Eugene LaPlante, AA reflects on his ministry on campus.

For me it is important to be involved, and truly committed to campus ministry, especially on a private officially religiously neutral campus, because of the importance of

bringing Christ to and forming Christ in the hearts of students to paraphrase the educational motto of the Assumptionists. It allows me the possibility of allaying the spiritual thirst in Catholic and other Christian students. They are certainly open to hearing the Word and many want to live it fully. It is important that we be there to fulfill that desire.

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Because Bentley is a Business College, the students tend to be "doers". They tend to be preoccupied with achieving financial success. The "bottom line" takes on almost divine proportions. My challenge as the Catholic Campus Minister is to bring Catholic social teaching to the attention of the students and the campus at large.

I have found that the Assumptionist tradition in ecumenism has been very helpful



to me in this very diverse atmosphere. My experience in foreign countries and in international communities has also given me some added sensitivity to the large number of foreign students at Bentley.

All in all, the ministry here is exciting and challenging. Of course, as is normal in ministry, one can never measure the effect of grace in the lives of those we serve. My hope and prayer is that these future leaders of the business world will have acquired some degree of sensitivity to the poor and needy in our midst.

**"We work to build up the Church by proclaiming Jesus Christ. We give priority to education in the faith, to training responsible lay people, to awakening and affirming Christian vocations, particularly religious and priestly vocations."**  
Assumptionist Rule of Life

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with opportunities for "mission" experiences in Mexico and Cuba as well as various locations in the northeast.

Stephanie McCaffrey directs an ever-growing Retreat program for students; she shares some thoughts about her ministry with us here.

Ever since I set foot on the Assumption College campus, I sensed that this would be place where I would at least begin my journey as a Catholic campus minister. Four years later, I am now a "senior" and am deeply grateful for the role the Assumptionists have played in my ministerial life. They initially opened the door for me as a campus minister and have encouraged and supported me in my work as director of the retreat program.

My primary role is that of director of the START and SEARCH retreat programs. Both programs are student-run and offer students the chance to play a significant role in the faith development of their peers. START retreats, begun at Assumption in 1999, are retreats designed for Assumption students. START 1 retreats are 24 hours; the more extensive and in-depth START 2 retreats are 48 hours. Both are designed to help students grow in their understanding of their identity, their commitments in life, as well their relationship with God and faith life. START 2 more fully addresses the topics of prayer, discipleship, service, and the question of who Jesus is in our lives.

SEARCH Retreats, by contrast, serve high school students in the Worcester diocese. Also student-run, these retreats last anywhere from 4 hours to 48 hours and are designed to help prepare students to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their success is largely due to the fact that high school students admire and respect the words and life-experiences of college students. When college students speak positively and passionately about their faith and their commitment to God, high school students listen!

Serving as a campus minister at Assumption has been a nourishing experience for me. It not only provides me with the life-giving opportunity to help nurture the faith lives of students, but it also challenges me to live my life in service to Christ as fully and authentically as I can on a day-to-day basis. "Until Christ Be Formed in You" is a motto for all of us, not simply the students we serve.

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All my life as an Assumptionist, in all the settings in which obedience has placed me, has been dedicated to the three loves of Fr. d'Alzon: Christ, his Mother Mary, and the Church. To work



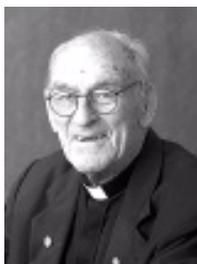
Fr. Gene exchanges a sign of peace with students at Mass

for the coming of the Kingdom of God in an educational setting is certainly completely in tune with the mind and heart of Emmanuel d'Alzon. This is truly an Assumptionist endeavor.

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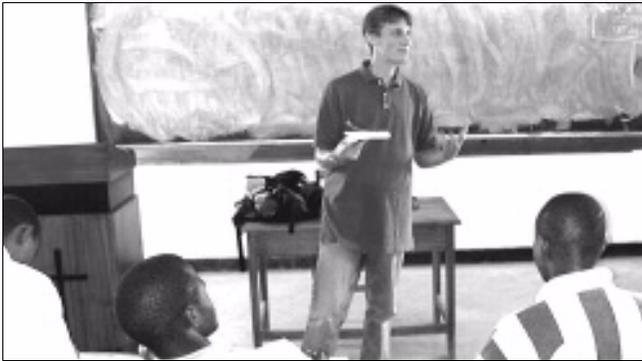
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**Tim Hoppe:  
Associate Missionary of the Assumption**

My name is Tim Hoppe and I am an AMA volunteer working for the Assumptionists in Arusha, Tanzania. I have lived for the past seven months as a layperson at our house of formation in Njiro teaching English, computers, anthropology, and peace studies at the seminary our candidates attend. My relationship with the Assumptionists is relatively young. Last April, I was a senior at College of the Holy Cross looking at "life after



Tim Hoppe teaches Anthropology in Arusha

college." One of our Chaplains introduced me to Beth Fleming and in August I found myself stepping off a plane in Nairobi en route to my home with the Assumptionists in Arusha.

Often in our lives, we do not know what moments have penetrated our heart. Such is the case as I reflect on my experience here. At first, I worried about letting Arusha, its people, its places, its beauty, and its struggles into my heart. I worried that I would remain detached, closed to protect against becoming too planted here, too jaded by its struggles or knowledge of the causes of its struggles. As I think about my experiences so far, I see the absurdity of this worry.

When I leave here in July my work and volunteer experience will be finished. I will have taught my courses and done my best to contribute at least a little to the Assumptionists and the wider AMA community. Only time will reveal the true impact of this experience. Arusha, those with whom I have worked and shared seven months of life have entered my heart and mind. We have shared struggles, dreams, stories, a few drinks, beautiful landscapes and though I will be finished volunteering here, the impact we have had on each other will just be beginning to break down into the stuff that will fill our hearts and fuel our personal growth.



Experience, people, places, emotions work on us all in funny ways. I came here to serve, to volunteer for a year, but that after one year the services this place and I will render each other will be but sprouts in the compost of our experiences. It is only over time, as the year's experiences and emotions work their way into out minds and hearts that the true services we provide to each other will begin to take hold - that the growth we inspire in each other will slowly mature into our lives.

**Tracing My Assumptionist Roots**

Assumption has been part of my life for twelve years now. After graduation from university, I worked in one of the schools of the Religious Sisters of the Assumption in Iloilo, the central island of the Philippines. It was those eight fulfilling years of being an Assumption educator that led me to consider the possibility of the consecrated life for myself, as a way toward self-realization and as a response to an invitation I felt to dedicate myself fully to the service of God's Kingdom.



Bro. Rick Montanez, AA

Sr. Fe Emmanuel, RA, spoke to me of the presence of their brothers in other parts of the world, like in the United States. I accepted the invitation of Fr. Peter, Vocation Director in the US, to come to live at Emmanuel House, on the campus of Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts, as a candidate to discern more carefully a possible Assumptionist vocation. After my first year of candidacy, in the summer of 2001, I participated in the Mexico Mission, which showed me another face of the Assumption, and I became more convinced that it is indeed within Assumption that God is calling me.

My second year of Assumptionist formation at Emmanuel House was quite different from the first, because I was joined by four other Filipinos. My new "Kababayans" made things more enjoyable and meaningful for me and added a Filipino flavor to Assumption formation.

After two years of initial Assumptionist formation in the United States, I was ready for novitiate. I was sent to Chile



for my novitiate, where I would be with other young men, all from Latin America. In a village northeast of Santiago, Pomaire, I began novitiate with two Colombians, Carlos Gustavo Silva Virgüez and Delimiro Ramón Jaime Pacheco, and three Brazilians, José Carlos da Silva, Joao Gomes da Silva, and Luiz Antonio Quirino Adão. Fr. Edgardo Muñoz was our Novice Master and Fr. Olivier d'Argouges our Spiritual Director.

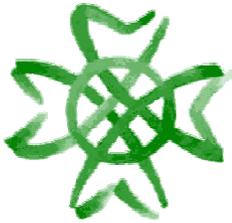


with Filipino Ambassador and friends

The community's internationality was an opportunity to learn from one another, to accept and love everyone who comes our way, in spite of differences that we may not immediately appreciate. I thank my brothers of the Province of Chile-Argentina (and the Vicariate of Colombia) who received me with so much love and attention. A wonderful journey is underway; the future of the Assumption in the Philippines is close at hand.

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