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**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONGRESS, 17-27 July 2016, Assumption College**

Father Emmanuel d'Alzon, founder of the Assumptionists and the Oblate Sisters of the Assumption, was convinced the best way "to strengthen... flagging spirits and heal... moral fatigue" was a solid education advanced by a genuine love of truth and inspired by the light of the Gospel.

**Dear friends,**

We're all been transformed by the Assumptionist charism which is why we've decided to dedicate this issue to the upcoming education congress. Inside, you'll find several ways an Assumptionist education has changed and shaped lives.

Including mine. I came to Assumption College in 2007. Eagerly attached to my Catholic faith, I had a vague conception of God, and I didn't think He cared about me. But that changed when I started taking courses and when I got to know

This summer, Assumption educators from all over the world will gather at Assumption College to reflect on Father d'Alzon's educational insights and implement them in their own institutions and countries.

The Congress will convene July 17th on the campus of Assumption in Worcester. Some seventy participants, men and women, lay people and religious, from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America will come to share their experiences as educators and to explore ways to be more faithful to d'Alzon's vision.

It will provide participants with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the different kinds of Assumptionist



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**Dear friends:**

We'd like all of you to know how much we value you as our partners in God's Kingdom. The Assumption family is truly that—a group made up of sisters, brothers, priests, and lay friends, all of whom are looking to make sure our world glances heavenward.

That's why we've decided to dedicate this issue to you. Yes, you. We've been touched by your donations and letters of support, and we've decided to show

**A Lay Assumptionist**

"I began partnering with a brother of St. Anne's and became a Lay Assumptionist in the United States. Through Marietta, AA, and eventually *My Life, My Love*, I was in contact with Emmanuel d'Alzon. Beginning with mentoring and developing a program of mission in Africa called "In

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**ON ICONOGRAPHY**

My interest in icons goes back over forty years. In the 1950s, I began to do "Praying with Icons" devotions with the icons of the Assumptionist collection gathered in Fairfield. But there was a deep down desire to learn how to paint them myself. The traditional apprenticeship route was out of the question. Taking a year off and working in a mosaic icon studio was not possible.

One of the greatest graces I have received in my life was the discovery of the Prisoner School of Iconology and to be initiated to the art of the icon by Vladimir Anisimov and his two sons, Dmitri and Mike, all master iconographers who emigrated from the Soviet Union in the early 1980s. I followed my first "icon retreat" with them at Enders Island in August of 1997 and have repeated that experience several times since then. I have lost track of the number of icons that I have written in nearly twenty years. I always have one in process. It is a form of prayer. The methodology involves as much contemplation as it does technique. Every step is done in reference to Creation, Incarnation, Spiritual

**Dear Friends,**

You probably know the Assumptionists and the broader Assumptionist family through things like the Assumptionist Center, Assumption College, meetings, St. Anne-St. Patrick's, and so on. Maybe you've encountered some priests and brothers only at Mass, and so you don't see beyond the habit or the vestments. Perhaps some acquaintances of yours are Lay Assumptionists, and you've heard their thoughts on Emmanuel d'Alzon and the mission but don't really know what they like to do.

Well, we'd like you to get to know several of