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**CONGOLESE ASSUMPTIONISTS** by Beth Fleming

We are so fortunate to have in our midst here in the U.S. three Assumptionists from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Father Salvator Kasamba Mwaunde and Father Omer Mwausa Sumbwa live in the Emmanuel House Community in Worcester and study at Assumption College. Father Vincent Machoul lives in the Brighton Community and studies at Boston University.

Father John Frank, who spent 1970-1972 as a volunteer teacher in Beni, Beni, near the border of Uganda, recalls of his joy in being again with young Congolese. "It's a great sense of joy having young Congolese Assumptionists living here. They remind us of a reality that can sometimes seem so far away, a reality that the media tends to forget, that of the crisis facing the Congo and so many other African countries. The way they preach and the stories they tell at meals and meetings keep our horizons open wide and not simply focused on Assumption College, or Worcester, or even the USA. They bring a completely different experience of Church, of one where Church is central to the life of people, where people take time to celebrate their faith, where the challenges of evangelization are so different.

**EDITOR'S DESK**

Greetings and welcome to this issue of *the assumptionist...*

Each year we are blessed with the opportunity to meet more of our Assumptionist brothers from all corners of the world. In this issue we are pleased to introduce you to three Assumptionists from the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Father Salvator, Father Omer and Father Vincent each share their experiences of life in the Congo and their dreams for rebuilding and healing their once-river homeland.

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**ADVANCING THE KINGDOM AT ANY AGE** by Patricia Haggerty  
*A Conversation with three special Assumptionists*

What could possibly put me away from a beautiful sunny day at the beach? I had been spending time at the New Hampshire coast with my family enjoying the sun, sand, and surf. Besides, the opportunity to interview some Assumptionists about their retirement was something I couldn't turn down. I wanted to find out what Assumptionist retirees did while living at the residence on Old English Road.

What I had envisioned as an interview turned out to be a wonderful conversation with three members of the Assumption community. When I arrived at 50 Old English, Father Eugene

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The United States Region has had to live through difficult moments this summer. We regret to inform you that two very special Assumptionists have died in the past few weeks. Fr. Albert Ernie Brachy, A.S., founded, and for many years director of the Assumption Guild, died on June 27. He was buried in the Assumptionist plot in St. Anne's Cemetery in Fribourg, on July 3rd. On August 17, Fr. George H. Beard, A.S., internationally recognized theologian and ecumenical, died suddenly at the airport in Paris, France, as he was heading a plane to return to the United States. Fr. George was buried in Paris.

Photo: Eugene J. Haggerty

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**ASSUMPTIONISTS AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE** by Donald Espinoza, A.S.

Fr. O'Neil always understood the importance, in the task of working to extend the Kingdom of God to which he had committed his religious family and their lay collaborators, of education as a primary means. Education has been understood, throughout the history of the community, to take on many different forms. And when the Assumptionists of the United States Region formulated their Mission Statement again just a few years ago, they defined themselves in these words:

"...committing ourselves to collaborative leadership and formation in the Church. We teach, preach and foster education in all its forms."

**EDITOR'S DESK**

In the Assumptionist Mission Statement for the United States Region, we describe our role to our religious leadership and formation in the Church, to teach, preach and foster education in all its forms. In this issue of our newsletter we would like to share a short story of the Assumptionists and Assumption College in which Father Donald presents the Assumptionist commitment to the ongoing formation of leaders within the Church. Also in this issue you will find some updates from two of our communities. Father Claude provides an overview of recent events at the Assumptionist House, Providence, in Providence, Rhode Island.

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