



EDITOR'S DESK



We're back ... thanks for the compliments about the last issue (and thanks to Natalia Kierul who is now helping with presentation).

This issue introduces another very important segment of our Assumptionist family here in the United States Region: **the Assumption Mass Guild**. Several thousand members of the Guild throughout the country are remembered daily at Mass. You can enroll loved ones (both living and deceased) in the Guild and send beautiful enrollment cards for many different occasions.

We're adding the members of the Guild to our newsletter mailing list (so that you can find out more about who these Assumptionists are who are praying for you and yours). And we're happy to introduce the Guild itself to all of our friends who may not have been aware of this service.

As the end of the year approaches, remember that charitable gifts can earn both spiritual and tax benefits.

We are proud to announce the creation of two new Websites for special members of the Assumptionist family: one for alumni of Cassadaga Seminary and one for graduates of Assumption Prep School.

And, once again, we're happy to introduce some new/old members of the extended family. Enjoy!

Fr. Donald Espinosa, A.A.
Editor

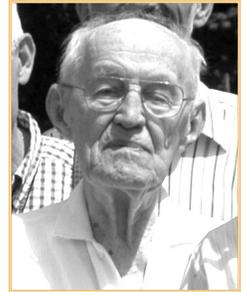
Remember that we are always looking for your contributions to our newsletter. Your comments and recommendations are always welcome as well as your content (information, reflections and photos).

Feel free to contact us:
newsletter@assumptio.org

And don't forget to check our website for more news, information and pictures:
www.assumption.us

ASSUMPTION MASS GUILD

Back in 1950, Father Henry Moquin, AA, who was then Provincial Superior of the Assumptionists in North America, asked Father Albert Brochu, AA, to do some fund-raising for the Assumptionists. In spite of some hesitations, Father Albert (with a list of 125 names and \$ 3,000 seed-money) began the Assumption Mass Guild.



Fr Albert Brochu

After 27 years as its Director, Father Albert passed on the torch to a number of other Assumptionists whose names will be familiar: Father Roland Guilmain, Brother Richard Gagnon, Father Richard Richards and currently, Brother Stephen Goguen. Today there are thousands of members enrolled in the Assumption Mass Guild.

Prayer is a vital part of Assumptionist life and the Assumption Mass Guild is a very special way for us to assure you of our prayers for your loved ones and

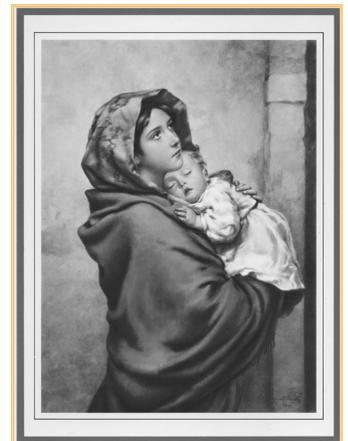


Holy Mass in Assumptionist Center Chapel

their very real needs and intentions. When you enroll relatives and friends (living or deceased) in the Assumption Mass Guild, they are remembered in both your own prayers and in ours. These enrolled members share

in a daily Mass offered exclusively—here in our Chapel at the Assumptionist Center in Brighton—for their intentions as well as in the Masses, prayers and spiritual works of the Assumptionist priests and brothers.

Enrollments in the Assumption Guild are a highly appreciated way for you to remember the deceased and to assure families of your prayerful support at a very difficult time. Enrollments are also precious expressions of your affection and prayers for loved ones who are celebrating their wedding day, the birth of a child, to mark a birthday or anniversary, or to remember them when they are ill or hospitalized. When you enroll them in the Assumption Guild, you are able to provide them (or their families) with your selection from a series of beautiful cards announcing that you have enrolled them in the Guild for one year, for five years or perpetually.



Perpetual Remembrance Card

And your donation is a way for you to make a charitable gift to the Assumptionists, for the training and formation of future Assumptionist priests and brothers, for the care of our elderly and retired brothers, and to help support the Assumptionist mission of extending the Kingdom of God in foreign missions and here at home as well. What a wonderful

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continued from page 1 way for you to help to support some of the life and work of the Assumptionists, which you read about in this newsletter (our Missions in East Africa, our new foundation in the Philippines, our Christian community of Assumptionists and young laity here in Brighton, our work with college students at Assumption College as well as at Bentley and Babson and our efforts at building and servicing the faith community at Saint Anne and Saint Patrick Parish and Saint Anne Shrine in Fiskdale (Sturbridge), Massachusetts



END OF THE YEAR GIVING

Our Assumptionist mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ for the coming of the Kingdom of God. The Assumptionist family continues to run schools throughout the world, with teachers and students alike energized by the Gospel. We continue to be inspired by the call of Church leaders to evangelize the world: to nurture vocations in service to the Church and the world ... to announce the Gospel to all men and women. Speaking and writing our message to the world through the media invigorates parish priests, social workers, scientists, campus ministers, religious and lay Christians. This collaborative effort is rooted in our Assumptionist family spirit. Our ongoing efforts to become directly involved in social action, to fight the ills of today's society and indeed, to live and work together at all times and in all places in a spirit of brotherly love are an integral part of our mission.

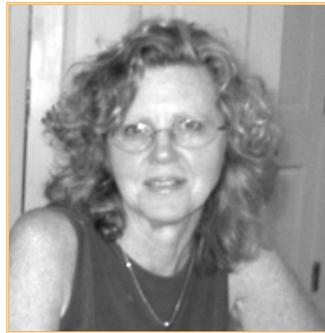


Tomasz Kierul

The call to evangelize the world sends us North, South, East and West ... from Moscow to Manila, Mexico City to Massachusetts. Montpellier to Madagascar. And as we are stretched by this mission, our remarkable Assumptionist family continues to take shape with the generous help of our benefactors.

We in the Development Office want to remind you that this mission requires your continuing generosity and support. Careful financial planning now – and contributing before December 31 – entitles many of our benefactors to tax reductions or even tax refunds come next April.

===== To learn more about many donation possibilities that could benefit you please contact our Director of Development Tomasz Kierul by phone at 617-783-0400 or by email at tkierul@assumptio.org.



MaryAnn McCue

We're happy to share this information about the Assumption Mass Guild with you. Many of you have used this Assumptionist service for many years and remain friends and supporters of the Guild. We are certainly grateful for your loyalty and generous support.

Some of you may be finding about the Assumption Mass Guild for the first time in these pages. We invite and welcome you into the Guild! Let us tell

you more about ourselves and our services. Mary Ann and Patti are essential to the life and work of the Guild and have been for some time now. They would be happy to answer any questions you might have and to enroll your loved ones.

You can write to us: Assumption Guild 330 Market Street Brighton Massachusetts 02135 ... You can telephone us: 1-617-783-0495 ...And we encourage you to check out our website (where you can see the cards and enroll your loved ones directly on-line) at www.MassCardsAA.com



Patricia May

A LOVING WAY TO SAY WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART

God enters your life in a special way in moments of joy or sadness.

The joy of a daughter's wedding ... a birthday ... the arrival of a new baby ...

Sadness at the loss of a relative or friend ... a loved one's illness ...

At these special moments, your life is prayer. You search for a way to express the feelings that are deep in your heart.

May we suggest a way of doing this ... far better than flowers or candy, which are soon gone ?

You can show your concern and affection by enrolling your loved ones—living or deceased—in the Assumption Guild.

THE ASSUMPTION COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR FIRST CD RELEASED:

The Assumption College Chapel Choir has recently released its first CD, "Rejoice and Be Glad."

Fifty students are featured on this selection of 14 live performances, recorded in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption College and Mechanics



Hall in Worcester. Directed by Jane Shivick, the Choir was accompanied by Assumption College organist Frank Corbin, drummer Bill MacGillivray, bass guitarist Al Vaudreuil, and Sr. Laetitia Byukusenge, R.A. on the African drums.

The CD may be purchased at the Assumption College Bookstore and the Office of Campus Ministry, or at the Diocesan Chancery on Elm Street in Worcester.

NEW ASSUMPTIONIST NOVICES



Brother Dinh Vo Tran Gia



Brother Eduardo Molina

On August 27, 2005, in Saint Anne's Church in Sturbridge, two young candidates began their year of formation as Assumptionist Novices. May they walk with God on this phase of their journey!

Bill and Karen (Kamataris)

BILL AND KAREN SUTHERLAND

Sutherland are a true Assumptionist and Assumption



College couple! They met as students in the mid-1970's and their wedding was officiated by Fr. Donald Espinosa, AA. Bill worked as Assistant Dean of Students under Fr. Peter Precourt, AA in the early 80's, while Karen became President of

the Alumni Association in the 1990's. Talk about a devoted couple to Assumption and folks who support the mission!! Whenever you are with them you leave with a smile on your face or new information about Assumption or about an alumnus. They bleed Assumption Blue for sure!!

Their three children grew up on the Assumption campus, which is why Lauren (20) is a Junior at the College. John, their oldest will graduate from Georgetown University in 2006 and Alyson their youngest has just begun her college career at Catholic University of America.

You will often see Bill and Karen at the 10:00am Mass at Assumption or at an alumni event, but definitely at the AC basketball games. Boy do they love their basketball! So much so that daughter Lauren became a student manager of the team. There is a lot of "Greyhound" spirit in the Sutherland household.

When not at Assumption events, Karen is a college counselor at St. Peter-Marian High School in Worcester and Bill is Vice President for Travel for AAA Southern New England.

by Melanie Demarais



FR PETER R. PRECOURT

At the 12:00 Mass on Sunday, August 14th, Fr Peter R. Precourt, A.A., was installed as Pastor of Saint Anne - Saint Patrick Parish in Fiskdale, (Sturbridge), MA. The outdoor pavilion was filled to capacity with welcoming parishioners, brother Assumptionists, and many of the area's tourists and summer residents. A reception following the Mass was held on

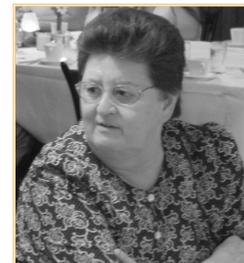
the lawn where Fr Peter received the best wishes of all in attendance.

With his installation, Fr Peter became shepherd to 1100 families and steward of a large, diverse and unique property. Its 35 acres are home to St Anne Church, built in 1893, which houses the Shrine of Saint Anne. The Shrine is a nationally known attraction which even draws the occasional international visitor. The grounds are a peaceful oasis of tranquility by virtue of their simple, natural wooded beauty. They feature walking paths dotted with various grottoes, a scala sancta with massive crucifix, outdoor stations of the cross, a pavilion with seating capacity for 400 people, the Saint Patrick Memorial Chapel, a museum which displays the Assumptionists' Russian Icon collection, Gift Shop, and a modern Parish Center housing the parish's religious education department. The 3-story rectory building additionally serves as formation house to two Assumptionist Novices and their Director, Fr Roger Corriveau, A.A. and two young postulants. Fr Norman Meiklejohn, A.A., whom Fr Peter replaces as Pastor, hopes to remain active in his retirement by continuing to serve as Shrine Director.

Fr Peter is no stranger to pastoral work. He served as Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in New York City from 1988 to 1998. Although comparing St Anne's to an inner city parish is doubtless the proverbial apples/oranges, Fr Peter brings a wealth of experience, cheerfulness, energy and faith to his flock and to his task. When asked about the myriad challenges he faces in the coming years as Pastor and Steward at Saint Anne's, Fr Peter responded, "I am delighted to have so many committed members of the parish to work with in building up our community."

by Jane Gardner

SISTER ANDREA WALSH



Sister Andrea Walsh of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur has been both Provincial Secretary and a valued member of the Assumptionist family for over 12 years. She recently accepted a new position in her community, working with her Sisters at Notre Dame du Lac in Worcester. Fr John Franck, out-going Provincial Superior shares these thoughts:

Sr. Andrea has a way about her that puts everyone at ease. Yes, she is competent in many fields... in teaching, in administration, in provincial leadership, in community animation, etc. However, what makes her most effective is her ability to enter into the lives of those with whom and for whom she works and lives. This capacity cuts across her many areas of competence and gains the confidence of those who know her.

Thanks, Sr. Andrea, and go with God's blessings!

"Like Father d'Alzon, a man of faith, we recognize the need for prayer. Prayer opens us to God's action. It is the ever refreshing fountain of our apostolic action ...

Our prayer life is nourished by the Word of God ... Its center is the Eucharist ...

The principal intentions of our prayer are those of the Church

[Rule of Life, # 44-50]



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