



A Lay Assumptionist Partners with Congo

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, so we've decided to showcase some of them. Inside, you'll find pictures and quotes from Assumption College graduates, parishoners at St. Anne's/St. Patrick's, Cassadega alums, former Assumptionists, Lay Assumptionists, and more.

We hope you enjoy this latest newsletter. All of you remain in our prayers. And as always, thanks for yours.

Blessings,

Jon Bishop
Editor



"I began partnering with the Assumptionists as a member of St. Anne's Parish in Sturbridge and I became a Lay Assumptionist - one of the first in the United States. Through studying with Fr. Oliver Blanchette, AA and reading Father Andre Seve's Christ Is My Life, I was introduced to the vision and charism of Emmanuel d'Alzon."

Beginning with redeeming soda cans, Lynne founded and developed a program of support for our educational mission in Africa called "Kids in the Congo," which continues to provide scholarships for many young children.

"Kids' became my particular apostolate and allowed me to travel to Eastern Congo and meet several local communities of the congregation. It was both eye-opening and inspiring. It also gave me a broader perspective of how each community, both here in the US and in Congo, lives out the Assumptionist charism in their unique manner. I feel very fortunate to be a Partner for God's Kingdom in these many communities."

<http://www.kidsinthecongo.com/>

Lynne Brouillette



"PROUD TO BE A PARTNER FOR GOD'S KINGDOM"

Mary Richards, sister of the late Assumption College professor of English, Art and Dramatics Richard Richards, AA, supports the congregation by having established a significant Charitable Gift Annuity in memory of her brother. It provides Mary with tax benefits and a small regular income for herself. And it allows her to be a supporting partner in the life and mission of his Assumptionist family both now and in the future.



Mary Richards

Before his death, Richard Molleur wrote: "Please give my best regards to Bro. Armand, Fr. Norman and my classmate Fr. LaPlante. The Assumptionists afforded me and all my fellow graduates who attended Assumption Prep and College in Greendale one of the finest classical educations. "I therefore consider it absolutely appropriate to make my contributions to help support them in their work and in their retirement. I can only hope the rest of their students feel the same."

Mike Martin, an alumnus of Assumption College, wrote to us recently: "Please accept this gift in gratitude for helping me keep the faith in my youth. We will do our best to keep chipping in what we can to sustain the enormously important work of those selfless Assumptionist men and women who prepared us with their instruction and example to cope with a changing world by clinging to and nurturing a Godly perspective."



Donald and Michele D'Amour have contributed a generous amount of time, money, and service to the Assumptionists and are partners in the Assumptionist mission, especially at Assumption College and in our African missions.

Donald and Michele D'Amour



Richard Molleur, '46 and '54 [deceased]

Mike Martin
With their annual partial tuition elementary school each of two sons in Butembo. Picnic Technical School

Henry Joly left the Assumptionists to join the diocesan priesthood but always remained attached to his Assumptionist brothers and their mission. Shortly before his death, Henry set up a very significant Charitable Gift Annuity during his last days, which he complemented by including the Assumptionists in his last will and testament. He is interred with his brothers in the Assumptionist burial plot in Sturbridge.

Henry Joly



Our community of Lay Assumptionists in Sturbridge partners with the Assumptionist mission in the Philippines by sponsoring and supporting the college tuitions of Hazel Vera Albesa and other young people through the Fr. Chuvi Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Lay Assumptionists



"We saw in your newsletter that Fr. Oliver celebrated his 100th birthday, and it brought back so many happy memories of him and Fr. Roland leading retreats at Cassadaga. We are enclosing a check for each of those retreats for you to use as you see fit."

JoAnn and Richard Walter

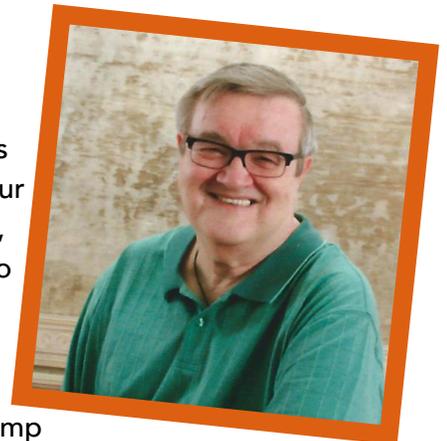


Al Poirier, who was an Assumptionist until 1974, wrote to us: "I have continued to consider the Assumptionists as my 'divorced' as it may seem. I have been receiving the Assumptionist magazine and also the Assumption College magazine. That's how I stay up with news. I love to read them. Recently, my wife and I prepaid for our funeral arrangements. I want to contribute some money and decided the easiest way to do this was to assign my life insurance policy to the community to be used to support their works. It is not a large amount, but it is the best I can do."

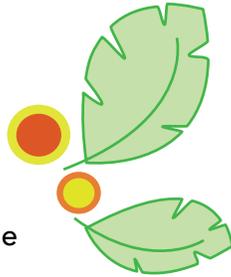




"I wish nothing but good things for the Assumptionists and their endeavors. It's been 50 years since I graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes Seminary in Cassadaga, New York; and I will always consider it to be one of the best experiences of community I've ever had."



Bill Rennekamp

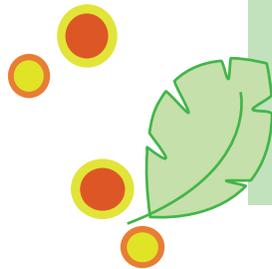


"We choose, within the possibilities of our resources, those commitments that effectively respond to the needs of today and to the spirit of Assumption."

(Rule of Life #15)

annual partnership gift, Moe and Pam Boisvert provide scholarships for 10 students at each of two schools run by the Assumptionists, 10 students at secondary schools, and 3 students at our university in Butembo. 10 students who attend the Mahamba Secondary School in Butembo.

Moe and Pam Boisvert



Marc Beaudoin, alumnus of Our Lady of Lourdes Seminary in Cassadaga, New York, is proud to support the retired Assumptionists and to partner in the mission of the Assumptionist Center in Brighton and "wherever these contributions can be most helpful."

us recently: family, somewhat Assumptionist newsletter I have been able to keep and I made out our will and leave the Assumptionists was by transferring my life to any of the congregation's D."



Al Poirier

Marc Beaudoin

Anthony Rossi, a student at Madonna Catholic High School in Weirton, West Virginia, where the Assumptionists taught, found the Mass Card Guild deeply encouraging during his mother's long illness. He continues to support the Assumptionist mission through prayerful and financial means.

"I choose to partner with the Assumptionists to carry out their mission throughout the world.

I support them by contributing financially and through my prayers. They have been remembered in my last will and testament for years and continue to be. I believe my financial contributions will be better served in bringing God's Kingdom to our world by way of the Assumptionists."

Anthony Rossi

For many years, hundreds of our partners have enrolled family members and friends in the Assumption Mass Card Guild, "a loving way to say what is in your heart" at the passing of family members or friends. In addition, you can enroll members on the occasion of weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, Baptisms, First Communion and many other special moments. These financial contributions support the life and formation of the Assumptionists.

<http://www.masscardsaa.com/>
Assumption Mass Card Guild



We are thankful to so many friends who also contribute to our mission by serving on our various advisory boards and committees (Financial Advisory Board, Investment Committee, trustees, councils, etc.)



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"In ministering to each other, each from the riches that he or she possesses, we work together for the full coming of God's Kingdom."

(Henri Nouwen, A Spirituality of Fundraising, p. 60)