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Partners for God's Kingdom

Father Salvador Musande, S.A.

Novitiate Timothy Kevill asked me, "What does it mean for you to be a Partner for God's Kingdom?" The coming of God's Kingdom is at the heart of the life of the Assumptionists of the Assumption. Our Rule of Life opens this way: "Faithful to our founder, St. Louis, we choose to follow all that he worked out for Jesus Christ, for the coming of the Reign of God in ourselves and around us" (St. 15).

Partnership for the Kingdom calls me to brotherhood, where all the individuals realize harmonize their contributions and work towards a common goal, looking in the same direction. Our team in the Assumption is made of religious and lay people, men and women, young and adult gifted in different ways. Our common goal is to work, here and now, for the coming of God's Kingdom in our hearts and in the world. Our Rule of Life highlights it this way: "The proclamation of Jesus Christ is inseparable from the proclamation of the whole person in 'justice, love, and unity'" (St. 15). Partnership for the Kingdom is therefore a call to work for a more just and fraternal world in which the dignity of each and every person is recognized and respected.

We cannot work for God's Kingdom in isolation. We may be in different parts of the world, choose different ministries but we are united in the spirit of our

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A DAY FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF ASSUMPTIONISTS

On Sunday, April 29th, on the campus of Assumption College, the Assumptionists celebrated a day for their families and friends with a liturgy at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, followed by a brunch in Magan Hall and a tour of the new Trinity Catholic Ministry Center. The purpose of the gathering, according to Fr. Claudio Gonzalez, S.A., Chair of the Planning Committee, "was simply to provide an opportunity to be with those we care for and who care for us and to identify the bonds of family and personal friendship. We rarely have such an opportunity to share in this way and to thank those who are dear to us for their love and support."

When asked why this day was important to them, Assumptionists responded with great enthusiasm.

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PROVINCIAL NOVITIATE

At last count, there are twenty-six languages spoken in my community. We're only eleven members, but from seven different countries, each of us with a maternal language and then a few others besides. Try to imagine what communication is like in such a community!

Well, after just three months of living with these brothers, I can tell you that it's a wonderful experience.

With the novitiate community of the Province of North America and the Philippines. There are two novices from Mexico (Carlos and Gerardo), one from India (Rajeev), one from the Philippines (Piero), one from the United States (Ryan), one from Vietnam (Hoang), one from Guatemala (Jahy), and one from Ecuador (Christian). Add to that a professional Congolese brother (Mukumbi), the assistant Master of Novices from the Philippines (Rico), and myself from the United States. By some unexpected providential design, we've all come together for this year of introduction to Assumptionist religious life.

Seven of the novices are from three of the geographical areas that make up our Province and one is a special guest (and gift) from the Province of Davao.

You could expect that the diversity of our community presents a particular challenge. And it's true that we often speak a language from the chapter of our Rule on the Internal Life: "We accept one another with our differences because He who unites us is stronger than that which separates us."