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The Assumption Today

*“In the letter presenting the themes of the Chapter, we read :
“**Assumption** is a word which speaks of the communion existing between the people and places which form an integral part of our identity. Using the term “**Assumption**” rather than “Religious of the Assumption” encourages us to think about the relationship between the sisters and laity at the Assumption. We want to intensify, deepen and widen our theological and spiritual understanding of this movement in the Congregation and in the Church.”*

For five days the lay delegates from each Province will be part of the Chapter living this dimension of Assumption Together. Today, Saturday June 30th, the members of the Permanent Council of Assumption Together (PCAT) presented the report of their activities and research of the last 6 years.

Our posting today will be consecrated to the presentation of different realities. You can follow this discovery with us in the coming days on the Chapter Web page.

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In North Europe ...

Interview with Justé from the lay community at Vilnius (Lithuania.)

How do you live Assumption Together in Lithuania ? .

We can say that the foundation of Vilnius was established from the beginning by “Assumption Together”, sisters and lay together. After some years the ties were strengthened when we began sharing the spirituality and mission of the Assumption. This is something that

is done throughout the world not only in Lithuania, thanks to the commitments that are taken by one or other in the communities or works of the Assumption.

I myself, have lived for one year in an Assumption Maya Center in Guatemala.

What are you hoping for from the Chapter ?



I was at the Congress of Leon (Spain) in 2011. This event strengthened our group and encouraged some of us to commit ourselves to the “Path of Life”. This year the group has grown. The Chapter will help us to deepen our understanding of the Charism of the Assumption and to set up stronger ties between the groups of Assumption Together in different countries.

Before we shared news two times a year but now, since we are strengthening our ties and friendship, I hope we’ll begin communicating more regularly.

How are you living the Chapter experience ?

I was very touched by the invitation of the sisters to have laypersons participate at such an important meeting. I’m full of expectations because I’ve never lived anything like this. I’m looking forward to sharing with the others whom I represent all the wealth I’ll have lived here.

In South Atlantic...

Interview with Mercedes, from Buenos Aires (Argentina).

How do you live Assumption Together in Argentina ?



We have eight groups, one in Argentina and seven in Brasil. Another two are starting up now, one in each of the countries which form our Province.

What are you hoping for from the Chapter ?

What I’m hoping for has already happened : to seek how we can actualize our Assumption charism for today and in each one of the societies to which we are

sent in order to transform them by the values we have received. Saint Marie Eugenia invites us to center our lives in God and from there to extend the Kingdom. And this call is for both sisters and lay, together we seek a new way.

In Africa

Interview with Jean Claude, delegate for West Africa

What are the Friends groups like in West Africa?

There are 9 communities spread across 5 countries, between Ivory Coast and Niger. That means it's a huge area.

Our communities meet once a month.



I like talking about our community in Niger, which is a strong experience for me. There are 15 people in the group. It's close to the sisters' community working in a leprosy hospital and in a school. The majority of the population is Muslim. The friendship and joy and the warmth with which each person is welcomed, whatever their background, are a witness to life and openness, to the extent that we have

Muslim Friends of the Assumption!

Another characteristic of the group is that we use the local language during the meetings.

In Daloa, the Friends visit the sick in the leprosy hospital. In Notse, they do prison visiting. We really share the mission together with the sisters.

What about the Chemin de Vie?

We have two people who have made a commitment following the *Chemin de Vie*, in Abomey and in Koudougou. Personally, I've just realised something important about this. Until recently, I saw the commitment to the *Chemin de Vie* as a goal to reach. Now I've understood that it's not a goal, but that it can be the opening of a path of development. Doubtless this new understanding will help more Friends to commit themselves in the future.

What does being a Friend of the Assumption bring you?

I first met the sisters in 1998 when a friend invited me to pray with them. The welcome and openness struck me, and that encourages me to live in simplicity and openness. The fruit of this is the humility which makes me what I am today. I give thanks to God that I met the Assumption.

Another example is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In my culture, this is seen as a women's practice. Now, it's become mine, even if that's uncommon and unusual for a man. It's become important to me.

You have everything to gain in becoming a Friend of the Assumption.

Our daily image



Travaux de groupe en Assomption, laïcs et sœurs, ce matin