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**Assumption First  
Campaign Meetings**

March 28th, 1:00 pm  
Leadership Team Meeting

April 3rd / 4th  
Public Launch

August 15th  
Celebration

**All Are Welcome!**

# ASSUMPTION FIRST

March 21, 2010

The Newsletter For The Assumption Parish Campaign

## THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY . . .

A meeting was held with Windsor's Filipino Community on March 6, 2010. After greeting the community members, Elizabeth Bueno introduced Jo-Anne Mancini, Philanthropic Counsel to the Assumption Heritage Trust Foundation. Jo-Anne presented the community with an overview on the concept plans to restore Assumption and how the Filipino community could participate in the Assumption First Program. The floor was then opened up for a question and answer period, followed by a sampling of authentic Filipino dishes!



Elizabeth Callanta & Elizabeth Bueno  
Assumption Parishioners  
from the Filipino Community

## ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST COMES TO ASSUMPTION . . .



Jason Gross & John Dollar, Assumption Parishioners with Thomas Wicks & Sean Fraser of the Ontario Heritage Trust



Sean Fraser, Manager Conservation Services and Thomas Wicks, Architectural Adviser - Special Projects from the Ontario Heritage Trust attended an informational meeting on Monday, March 15th to discuss the Easement on Assumption Church and the process for evaluation of the restoration of the Sacristy.

The meeting was attended by members of the AHT Board as well as representatives from the Assumption First Campaign Team and representatives from the Diocese of London. Questions regarding the perimeter of the easement were answered by Sean Fraser.

Generally speaking, the perimeter is 5 ft. from the exterior wall of the church and Holy Rosary Chapel to the property line on University Ave. Any elements outside the perimeter are NOT included in the easement. The easement document was clarified with the distribution of a document "Alteration Guidelines for Easement Property Owners" which is available at the AHT Foundation office.

The discussion around the Sacristy included questions about how you would evaluate the restoration process. Concern was raised over the fact that the Sacristy may have deteriorated to the point where restoration is not an option and that in fact, construction of a new facility may be the preferred action. Further discussion and investigation will continue.



Alex Begin, Assumption Parishioner with Thomas Wicks, Patricia Malicki, AHT Board Member & Sean Fraser

# Why do they care?

Emmanuel and Evangeline Franco arrived in Windsor on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1974 after a long journey with their children from the Philippines. The following Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, they arrived early for mass at Holy Name of Mary Church only to join Father Keane on his first day in the parish. Together, they figured out which door to enter. Thus began their long association with the church of West Windsor. Since then God has shown them through other doors into the heart of Holy Name of Mary Church, Assumption High School, Assumption Church, and Blessed Sacrament Church and many other communities of faith here.

In talking about Assumption Church, Emmanuel and Evangeline spontaneously referred to it as a beacon. They immediately made a connection between this church and their own home town in the mountains of the Philippines, which had resisted Christianity for over four hundred years until 1972. They thought about how when our community of faith was established in 1728 it was a mission to First Nations people, especially the Huron people deep in the heart of North America. In both here and their home town, they saw the church as necessarily a beacon of light for all around. It is still how they see Assumption Church: a beacon, but also a home, a place where they are fed!

What an extraordinary image of this parish and this church in West Windsor! We are to be a beacon that guides people safely home where they (and we) can be fed. Everything else is secondary. God, through generations of Catholics before us, has given us this marvelous beacon and home, and the Gospel and Sacraments that feed us. May we deeply treasure these gifts, and honour the responsibility to continue to be that for others!

Fr. Paul Walsh, CSB

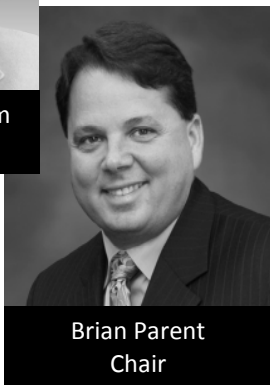


Evangeline and Emmanuel Franco

## AFFINITY FOR THE PUBLIC GARDENS AT ASSUMPTION . . .



Anne Winterbottom  
Honorary Chair



Brian Parent  
Chair

We are pleased to report that the Public Gardens Committee will be led by Anne Winterbottom as Honourary Chair and Brian Parent as Chair. Committee members include Bob Cayea, Debbie Meloche, Lisa Tayfour, Agnes Stainton, Jo-Anne Allen Nyquist, Gerry Bezaire, James Farrand and Tom O'Brien.

Under their guidance the committee is reviewing the many opportunities to enhance the grounds surrounding Assumption Church. Items under discussion include a Garden in recognition of all Mothers, as well as designated niche areas for Children's Discovery; Student Study/Reading, Contemplative Healing and Forgiveness and much more.

The committee will be hosted at the offices of Price Waterhouse Coopers for their next meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> courtesy of member Debbie Meloche followed by a luncheon meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Windsor Club, courtesy of member Agnes Stainton.

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### AHT Foundation Key Dates

**March 21**

Windsor Tridentine Mass  
Association Meeting

**March 28**

Assumption First Campaign

**April 3-4**

Assumption First Campaign  
Public Launch

**May 7**

Affinity for the Public Gardens  
at Assumption  
Leadership Meeting

**May 11**

Communications Team Meeting

**May 18**

Affinity for Heritage /Community  
Leadership Meeting

**May 20**

Affinity for the Basilian Fathers  
Leadership Meeting

**May 25**

AHT Board Meeting

**August 15**

Assumption First Campaign  
Celebration

**September 23**

Affinity for the Basilian Fathers  
Leadership Meeting—Toronto

**October 19**

AHT Board Meeting