

- (1) **The Oriental Mission is a priority for the whole Congregation.**
In fact, love of the Church and Church unity are central to its charism, identity, and vocation. East and West are complementary and cannot ignore one another.

- (2) **This mission is found at the core of Orthodoxy, primarily in Bulgaria, Rumania, and Russia, having a common mission: to work toward communion among the Christian Churches.**

- (3) **At the core of Orthodoxy, this Mission has several axes:**
 - an axis involving studies and research in order to gain a deeper understanding of the spirituality and history of the Oriental Churches... and to make them known;
 - a significant presence in countries where Orthodoxy is the main religion;
 - a common pastoral ministry with the Orthodox (in the fields of research, communication, social work...);
 - cultivation of friendly relationships with the Orthodox;
 - a diffusion of this knowledge and love throughout the Congregation, while seeing to an interaction among the various works (Institutes of Paris and Nimègue, Bayard, Worcester...);
 - the formation of all Assumptionists to the stakes of this Mission (Introduce this requirement in the new *Ratio*).

- (4) **In order to share and implement this common mission, to animate the Oriental Mission, and give it its necessary importance in the Congregation, the Superior General will name someone as Responsible for the Mission (a Regional Superior?).** This religious will work firsthand with the religious that live there, hand in hand with the Oblates and the other Congregations under the umbrella of RIAD, in view of a collaboration with the laity.

- (5) With the Responsible for the Mission (a Regional Superior?), the Superior General will evaluate the possibility of having religious of the whole Congregation spend some of their formation time in various sites of the Oriental Mission, Jerusalem and Istanbul (preparation for perpetual vows, permanent formation, "Third Year", Global formation...)

- (6) N. B. Jerusalem, Istanbul, and Athens have a special status in the Oriental Mission.