Tribute to a Great King

It takes the consummate love of a Father
To love the people as our King does
It takes a giant leap of patience
To care as much as a committed King

It takes towers of strength to prevail
As Monarch, even in tribulations of time
To be the stability which his subjects avail
In changing fortunes or climes

It takes forbearance in the fight of life
To hold on to wisdom and moderation
Never to yield, in the floods of misfortunes
Never to sink, but to survive the waves of destruction

It takes the will of life to reach the age of eighty four
To stand tall even in the aches and pains of the body
It takes the mind of decisive sacrifice to defy history
To lead the people with righteousness to the fore

It takes a great life, the life of a teacher
To hold the hands of the people
And leading them forward in teaching
To point out in greatness, life’s undying riches

It takes the force of morality
To sit on the throne of Majesty

And in the throngs of loyal people
Look into their hearts which have been touched

It takes fulfillment in life to look ahead
Of the fast changing forces of time
To be able to look back with smiles, and say
I have lived and loved my people
As I have promised.

Glen Chatelier
(In dedication to H.M. the King on the occasion of his 84th birthday, 2011)
Princess HRH Soamsawali Kitiyakon presided over a “Charity Walk” at Suan Mokkh International Dhamma Hermitage, organized by Ruamchit Normklao Foundation on April 1, 2012. Assumption University led by Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, f.s.g., the Rector Magnificus, Rev. Brother Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas, f.s.g., Rector Emeritus and the Assumption University Alumni Association participated in the Charity Walk.

Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, f.s.g., Rector Magnificus presided over the “Commencement Exercises for Assumption University Class 39” at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center on January 21, 2012.
A Ceremony of Installing the Rector Magnificus of Assumption University of Thailand was organized at the Chapel of St. Louis Marie de Montfort on November 1, 2011. Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, the President of the University was decorrated with the title symbolically with a Jeweled Cross specially designed in London, U.K. Rev. Brother Sirichai Fonseka, fsg, the Provincial Superior of the Foundation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel in Thailand and concurrent Chair of the Assumption University Council performed the formal installation of the Rector Magnificus.

On November 2, 2011 The Rector Magnificus of Assumption University of Thailand (ABAC) formally launched and opened the Assumption University Flood Relief Center to help people who were affected by the floods which ravaged parts of Thailand and Bangkok city. The "ABAC Flood Relief Service Alliance Center" operating from out of the Seminar Room, Hua Mak Campus as headquarters, was under the direct activities control of the Student Affairs and involved the top management, alumni, faculty, staff and students of the University.

Rev. Bro. Simeon Anupatt Petchara-Yuttachai, Scholar of the Order of St. Gabriel, led the Assumption University community consisting of Faculty Members, Staff Members and Students, at the Blessing for His Majesty the King at the King’s Room, the Cathedral of Learning, Assumption University, Suvarnabhumi campus. The ceremony was organized by the Student Affairs on December 2, 2011.

Rev. Bro. Dr. Annuay Yoonprayong, Vice President for Moral Development Education led the University community at a Blessing Ceremony on the occasion of His Majesty the King’s 84th Birthday, at the Tower of David, Hua Mak campus. Participating in the event were Faculty Members, Staff and students. The Blessing Ceremony was organized by Office of Thai Arts and Culture, on December 2, 2011.

The Annual Au Awards for Excellence was held on December 24, 2011 at the Chapel of St. Louis Marie de Montfort. A total of twenty faculty members were awarded prizes for their dedication in Teaching, Research and Academic writings, Service to Society and for long standing service to Assumption University. Assumption University also handed over to ninety four faculty members and staff, money to help offset losses due to the floods which ravaged parts of Bangkok province and neighborhood provinces.

The Albert Laurence School of Communication Arts and the Office of the University Public Relations organized an Awards Ceremony on January 15, 2012 for Assumption University Students who participated in the Exhibition Board competition on BEAT 2010 at the Albert Laurence School of Communication Arts, Suvarnabhumi campus, Dr. Chavalit Meennuch, Vice President for Administrative Affairs presided over the ceremony as Chief Guest.
Trojans Night at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center organized by the Assumption University Alumni Club to congratulate Graduates of Class 39 January 22, 2012 was presided over by Rector Magnificus, Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran and Rev. Brother Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas the Rector Emeritus.

The Graduate School of Education, Assumption University organized a seminar on 21st Century Challenges of Educational Administrators on February 18, 2012 at Hall of Fame, Coronation Hall, Hua Mak campus.

H.E. Ambassador Kristy Kenny from the Embassy of the United States in Bangkok visited Assumption University’s Suvarnabhumi campus where she addressed students in the Martin de Tours School of Management on “The Role of U.S. Diplomacy Today” on February 23, 2012.

Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus nominated Dr. Chavalit Meennuch, Vice President for Administrative Affairs to be the Assumption University’s representative to receive the Building Energy Awards of Thailand 2010 (BEAT 2010) at Scala Cenima on March 8, 2012. The campaign was organized by the Energy Policy and Planning Office, The Ministry of Energy Thailand.

Myanmar Young Catholic Students, Bangkok (MTCS-BKK) organized a Farewell Dinner for H.E. Archbishop Giovanni d’Aniello, Apostolic Nuncio to the Kingdom of Thailand on March 24, 2012 at Assumption University’s Salle d’Expo, Hua Mak campus. Archbishop d’Aniello currently serves as Apostolic Nuncio in Brazil.

The Organization Development Institute of Assumption University hosted the Appreciative Inquiry Executive Workshop on “Discovery Dream Design Destiny” with the leadership of Dr. David Cooperrider at John XXIII Conference Center, Assumption University Suvarnabhumi campus on February 27, 2012. The workshop attracted participation by some of Thailand’s top business leaders and Assumption University Faculty members. Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran delivered the Opening Address at the workshop.
The Assumption University community in fraternal spirit, and led by Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus, celebrated Songkran Festival at the Sala Chaturamuk Paichit, Suvarnabhumi campus on April 11, 2012.

His Eminence Cardinal Michai Kitbunchoo presided over the Inaugural Blessing of the Martin de Tours School of Management & Economics Building on April 27, 2012.

On April 27, 2012 His Eminence Cardinal Michai Kitbunchoo led worshippers at the Holy Mass at the Chapel of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, Suvarnabhumi campus. University leaders, faculty, staff, students and IFCU Member Rectors of Catholic Universities from all over the world attended the Holy Mass.

The first round of workshops on Leading Catholic Universities in the 21st Century was organized by the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) for Rectors from 16 Catholic Universities worldwide including Assumption University, at Assumption University’s Suvarnabhumi campus from April 15 to April 27, 2012.

H.E. Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva the former Premier of Thailand delivered a Keynote Address at the Annual Faculty Seminar at John XXIII Conference Center, Suvarnabhumi campus on May 23, 2012.

Ann E. Feyerherm Ph.D. and her colleague from Pepperdine University visited Suvarnabhumi campus on May 25, 2012 and were hosted to a campus tour by Mr. Glen Chatelier, Director of the Office of International Affairs, Assumption University.
Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University received the “Trusted Brand Award” by Reader’s Digest from Ms. Sue Carney, Editor-in-Chief, Asia Pacific of Reader’s Digest Company Limited on May 25, 2012.

Loyola Students on the Assumption University-Loyola University Study Abroad Program were hosted to a campus tour at the Suvarnabhumi campus by the Director of the Office of International Affairs on May 29, 2012.

Rev. Brother Dr. Sirichai Fonseka, Provincial Superior, the Foundation of the Brothers of St. Gabriel in Thailand and Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus of Assumption University inaugurated on June 18, 2012 the “ABAC Admissions and Study Abroad Center” at Assumption College Sriracha.

The traditional Wai Kru Ceremony at which students pay respect to their teachers was organized by the Student Organization and Student Affairs, Assumption University on June 14, 2012 at the John Paul II Sports center, Suvarnabhumi campus.

Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus was the Chief Guest at the “Activity Day 2012” at Au Plaza, the Cathedral of Learning, organized by the Assumption University Student Affairs on June 5, 2012.

The Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between SIM-Industries B.V. and Assumption University for cooperation in Jointly Establishing a Simulator Training Center at Assumption University’s Suvarnabhumi campus was held on June 28, 2012.
Dominican Priests visited Assumption University at Hua Mak campus to thank Assumption University’s Rector Magnificus and Rector Emeritus for the assistance they had rendered in the re-establishment of the Order in Thailand on June 30, 2012.

Freshy Day & Night 2012 at which awards were made to the Prince and Princess of Freshy Day, was presided over by the Chief Guest Rev. Bro. Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, Rector Magnificus on July 9, 2012, The event was organized by the Assumption University Student Affairs.

ABAC Chez Jean Pierre Crystal Restaurant received an Award under the category of “New Buildings Using Emerson Technology” on July 18, 2012 at the Suvarnabhumi campus.

Rev. Brother Dr. Prathip Martin Komolmas, the Rector Emeritus presided over an Exhibition “The World’s 12 Most Influential Thinkers” organized by the students of the Martin de Tour School of Management and Economics at their Faculty Building, Suvarnabhumi campus on July 10, 2012.

The External Quality Assurance Board from the Office of the Higher Education Commission audited all Academic and Administrative Units at Assumption University at John XXIII Conference Center, Assumption University, Suvarnabhumi Campus on July 19, 2012.

24th IFCU General Assembly focusing on the theme of Teaching and Learning in a Catholic University was held from July 23 to July 27, 2012 at the Centro Universitario da FEI, Sao Bernardo do Campo Brazil. Assumption University's Rector Magnificus, Rev. Brother Dr. Bancha Saenghiran, f.s.g. and University Registrar, Mr. Kamol Kitsawad participated in the Assembly.