

A very special Provincial Zoom meeting was held on Saturday, August 8th. Its purpose was to provide a platform for communication with the tandems in the North American Province. Those participating in the meeting were the following: Fr. Dennis Gallagher, Provincial Superior; Fr. Thierry Kahongia, Assistant to Father General; Fr. Edward Shatov and Patty Haggerty, Provincial Tandem; Chantal Rouette, part of the tandem for Québec; Sr. Clare Bertero and Sylvia Desautels, tandem for Sturbridge, MA; Br. Blair Nuyda with Brian and Allison Bialas, tandem for Brighton, MA; Fr. Oswaldo Garcia Sanchez and Maricarmen Martinez Alvarez, tandem for Mexico; and Andrew Mercado, Vocations Coordinator.

The group shared their coping strategies for the pandemic, as well as how they remained connected with their fellow Lay Assumptionists. The participants also began a discussion on a potential Zoom meeting for a broader group of Lay Assumptionists to take place some time in November. This would be a way of celebrating the conclusion of the Jubilee Year and of celebrating the anniversary of the death of Emmanuel d'Alzon.

(*Our thanks to Brother Blair for providing the picture of our Zoom meeting.)*

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