

Last month a virtual meeting was held for the Lay and Religious Assumptionists of the North American Province. This was a follow-up to the meeting of tandems held in August. However, this Zoom gathering took place on a broader scale. Thirty-three participants were in attendance from Canada, the United States and Mexico (with one participant from the Philippines.) The meeting was facilitated by Fr. Edward Shatov and Patricia Haggerty with Andrew Mercado providing tech support.

The focus of the meeting was discipleship. Fr. Benoit Griere, Superior General, sent a video address for the gathering. His main message was: "We must be passionate about the mission, passionate about the good news and passionate about the Kingdom of God." This was followed by a reflection from Fr. Dennis Gallagher, our Provincial who spoke of mission, as well: "Our mission as Christians, as Assumptionists and Lay Assumptionists, is to be ready to share our faith and His Word with others."

A discussion ensued on Fr. Dennis' thoughts and with suggested questions. The closing prayers for the meeting consisted of three significant prayers for the day,one in French, one in Spanish and one in English.