



On Sunday, October 30th, a meeting of lay and religious Assumptionists took place in Mexico. Thirty-four participants, lay men and women and religious came together from Argentina, Colombia, Chile, Spain, the United States and Mexico.

The main goal of the meeting was summarized in the following terms: “With the decisions of the 2011 General Chapter regarding the Lay-Religious Alliance as our starting point, we would like to provide guidelines appropriate for our Latin-American context that would help us to become men and women of faith and communion, in solidarity with the poor”.



But there were also some specific goals like the following:

1. To meet and to celebrate our Assumptionist identity as lay and religious members of the Alliance.
2. To identify concrete ways to collaborate among lay Assumptionists from the different countries represented.

3. To implement the decisions of the 2011 Chapter regarding the Alliance.

4. To imagine ways of strengthening the Lay-Religious Alliance among members from Spain and Latin-America.



In this way, we hope to contribute to the process of reflection currently taking place in the Congregation on the theme of the Alliance.

The meeting began on October 30th, at one in the afternoon, with a solemn Eucharist celebrated in the Parish of the Emperatriz de América. At this Eucharist, thirty-four Assumptionist lay people and religious from the countries mentioned gathered together in our parish in the San José Insurgentes neighborhood of the city.

The celebration was presided by the Provincial of North America and the Philippines, Fr. José Miguel Díaz Ayllón. The concelebrants included Fathers Luis Ramón Rendón from Argentina, Tomás González from Colombia, Francisco Huerta (“Paco”), Oswaldo García Sánchez, and Ngoa Ya-Tshihemba, all from Mexico.

