

## Formation Retreat in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

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As part of the process of the union of the provinces of St. Augustine and St. Nicholas of Tolentine, the Commission for the Union of both Provinces sent Fr. Fredric Abiera, OAR, to Casa de la Recoleccion in Cuernavaca, Mexico, to join the 9 postulants of Postulantado San Agustin (El Hueso, Mexico, D.F.) for their annual retreat on September 14-17, 2017. Fr. Javier Monroy, currently a General Councilor and prior of the community of Collegio Sant' Ildefonso in Rome, Italy, was the retreat master who led the talks, prayers, and sharing. The purpose of Fr. Abiera's trip, as recommended by the commission, was to get familiarized with the formation program of the Vicariate of Mexico-Costa Rica, and also as part of the interprovincial experience, even just for a few days, thus, showing a good symbol of cooperation between the two provinces as the date for the union of both provinces is getting closer (in May of 2018). Fr. Javier Acero, OAR, the vicar of the Vicariate of Mexico-Costa Rica, Fr. Oscar Castellanos, OAR, the formator of the postulants, and Fray Jorge Quiroz, OAR, recent graduate of the formation house in Las Rozas, Madrid, Spain, were also present at the retreat. The topic of the retreat was "The Augustinian experience of God." Fr. Monroy challenged all those present to examine the "desire of his heart" and "his search for the truth." Indeed, this 3-day retreat offered all those present a wonderful experience of community living and Augustinian Spirituality.



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