

August 26, 2010 - Mexico – “His heart remains here”



(ANS - León) – On August 23 the journey involving Don Bosco’s relics in Queretaro in southern Mexico came to an end after the casket had visited 19 different places.

The common feature everywhere the casket went was the number of faithful who wanted to see, however briefly, the the relics of the Father of Youth, and who wanted to pray before him.

The casket will continue its journey through Mexico until September 11 and is now in the region covered by the SDB province of Guadalajara and the FMA province of Monterrey.

The first stop along this second part of the pilgrimage was in Celaya, where many people spent the night praying and thanking God while waiting to venerate Don Bosco’s relics, which arrived at 4:00 a.m. Then it was briefly in Guanajuato State, at Irapuato, and thence it was taken to Leon.

In Leon there was a huge crowd. Civil Protection authorities estimated that around 60,000 people filed past at the various points where the casket stopped. Most were at the National St. John Bosco Shrine, then the cathedral in Leon and the Salesians’ Don Bosco Boys Town.

The manifestation of faith and devotion of the people who “visited” Don Bosco made one think of the undeniable truth of something that Fr. Renato Ziggiotti, fifth successor of Don Bosco, said when he visited the city: “His body might be in Turin, but his heart is here in Leon!”

At the moment the casket is in Guadalajara, where it will remain two days before proceeding through other parts of the country.

Further information can be found on www.donbosco.mx.