

## **August 5, 2010 - Mexico – Don Bosco has arrived**



**(ANS – Mexico City)** – The long wait to see the traveling reliquary of Don Bosco ended for Mexicans on August 4. The casket containing a major relic of the saint of youth arrived in the afternoon at Toluca International Airport from Guatemala, the last stop on the tour of the Central American province.

After the usual entry formalities, the casket was taken to the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in the Mexican capital, where hundreds were waiting, thronging the sacred enclosure, which was adorned for the occasion with a special lighting system to emphasize the party spirit.

As it drew near the Shrine, in heavy rain, the casket was met by a large group of the faithful, a troupe of folk dancers, and several clowns greeting the acrobat from Becchi.

There was a Liturgy of the Word when the casket reached the Shrine. Bishop Victor René Rodríguez, secretary of the Mexican Episcopal Conference, led the rite in the presence of many Salesians, Salesian Sisters, and other groups of the Salesian Family.

After the service, during hymns and prayers, a long queue of the faithful revered the casket, seeking the intercession of St. John Bosco, patron of Mexican Youth and Children, a title approved 75 years ago following a request from the bishops of Mexico.

The casket remained in the capital for two days and will begin a tour through other towns over the next 36 days. The itinerary can be followed on the site [www.donbosco.mx](http://www.donbosco.mx)