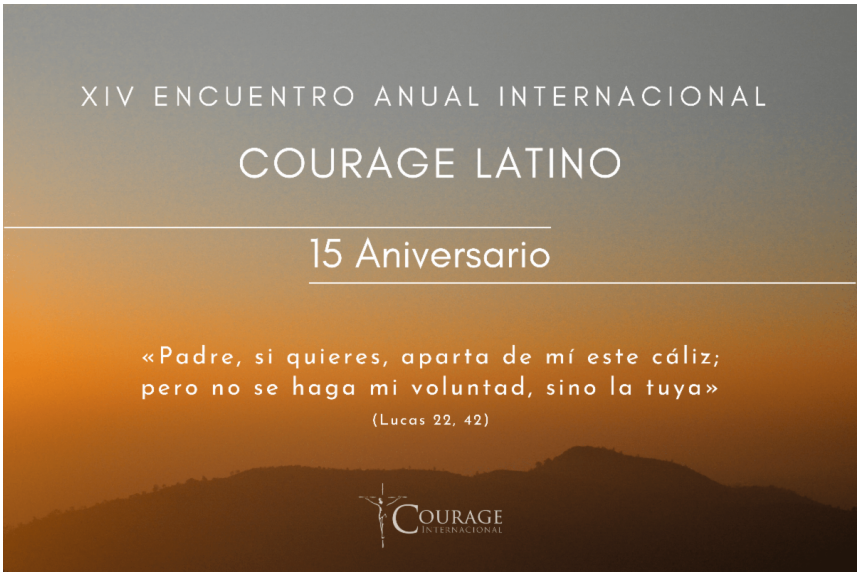
Courage Latino Holds Annual *Encuentro* Virtually

Celebrates 15th Anniversary of Courage in Mexico



On November 14 and 15, the fourteenth annual *Encuentro* of Courage Latino was held virtually. The theme was "Father, if you are willing, remove this chalice from me; nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42). The event was attended by nearly 200 people from sixteen countries who were blessed by moments of reflection, prayer, and fellowship. The conference, which celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the apostolate in Mexico, began with a few words of welcome from Father Buenaventura Wainwright, Director of Courage Latino, who began the first chapter in Spanish.

In addition, there were four spiritual and formational presentations, these offered by His Excellency Salvador González, Auxiliary Bishop of Mexico City; His Excellency Gerardo Díaz Vásquez, Bishop of Tacambaro, Michoacán (Mexico); Father Philip Bochanski, Executive Director of Courage International; Father Víctor de Luna, LC, originally from Mexico who currently serves as the chaplain of Courage and EnCourage in Italy; and finally José Manuel, a member of Courage in Guayaquil (Ecuador).

In addition to helping to conduct the *Encuentro*, José Manuel, at the end of his presentation said to his brothers and sisters in Courage, "The Courage apostolate is like a light that God wants to give us to enable us to walk. … When you are with friends everything is different. It is not the same to fight alone as it is to fight accompanied by friends."