

NEWS *from the* MISSIONARY IMAGE AGE *of* OUR LADY of GUADALUPE



Dan Lynch and
The Missionary Image

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Dear Friend of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Hope In a Darkened Society

Pope John Paul II declared a New Mission for America a few years ago. He said, “Now is the time of the New Evangelization to lead the People of God in America to cross the threshold of the third millennium with renewed hope. **I ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit every diocese and parish in America. May she cross this continent bringing it ‘life, sweetness and hope!’**”

As an answer to his hopes, this past year **hundreds of Masses, hours of adoration, Rosaries and veneration took place through Visitations of the Missionary Image.**

Do you think that this “great prayer for life” that John Paul II said is “urgently needed” is worth \$1 per day for you to support . . . or maybe just ten cents per day? Would you please consider supporting our Annual Appeal with a donation of \$1 per day (\$365) or ten cents per day (\$36.50) . . . or maybe some gift more or less?

Many abortion centers have closed shortly after Visitations of the Missionary Image. Some of these centers have been purchased by pro-lifers and converted to pro-life uses. We must continue our work to promote Visitations throughout the country.

I’d like to share with you some of the comments and testimonies the Missionary Image Guardians have sent us. These will show how Our Lady is again bringing hope to a nation morally divided.

“The graces and blessings that Our Lady showers wherever she goes are abundantly evident as the Missionary Image circulates around the greater Philadelphia area. The fact that in 2009 teens and younger kids of all ages from Camp Guadalupe at the Malvern Retreat eagerly awaited her arrival is evidence enough. And they literally flocked around her.”

“I was graced with being able to witness how Our Lady touched so many souls but there were so many that I did not see but I could sense them somehow. It was the most amazing month of my life.”

“One particular gentleman who attended was crying because he said that he felt the baby kick when he had his hand over Mary’s womb on the Image.. This particular gentleman became a ‘groupie’ for Our Lady—he was sighted at just about all of her other stops in our area.”

“Later in the evening a proud mother pointed at her son and commented that he had told her that he was going to become a priest. I saw a young man about 18 in deep prayer with a rosary in his hand, his head down and his arm draped over the pew in a similar manner to a picture of Pope John Paul II. The normal silence of Adoration was broken with



Lansdowne, PA
St. Philomena Parish with Fr.
Paul Castellani

“May Our Lady of Guadalupe cross this continent bringing it life, sweetness and hope!” Pope John Paul II

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intermittent sobs of Our Lady's children asking for her help. The elderly with their canes and scooters came, wives leading husbands, husbands leading wives, parents going back to bring their children and the children from the education classes coming back with their families."

"Like most pilgrimages, the best is yet to come. The graces Our Lady has showered on the throngs of souls who venerated her are yet to see her marvels unfold as they carry on with their lives. After all, a child who walks with his mother by his side always has the courage to face anything."

Hope! It is alive in those who attended a Visitation.

Why Should You Help Us Promote Visitations of the Missionary Image?

When Juan Diego told the Indians that Our Lady had come to Tepeyac as their Mother, the news of the apparitions spread. The Indians' hearts were melted by the tender and consoling story. They recognized their dignity in God's eyes and they renounced human sacrifice and their idols, their ferocity, superstition, polygamy and sodomy.

In our day, our nation suffers similar behaviors. Our Lady of Guadalupe must be made known and seen by the people so that their hearts may also be pierced and penetrated to break through the worldly deceptions of false idolatry, anger, paganism, impurity, materialism, and greed. This can only occur with a change of heart.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Church in America*, No. 70, Pope John Paul II said these prophetic words, "*In America, the mestiza face of the Virgin of Guadalupe was from the start a symbol of the inculturation of the Gospel, of which she has been the lodestar and the guide. Through her powerful intercession, the Gospel will penetrate the hearts of the men and women of America and permeate their cultures, transforming them from **WITHIN.***"

This is why we must continue sending the Missionary Image out to all the dioceses and parishes of our country.

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe Miracle

Recently, a Deacon in Minnesota shared with us the story of a miracle that occurred during a Visitation with the Missionary Image. His parish hosted a vigil service on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12.

Just a week ago, a gentlemen approached me after Mass and shared a story with me. I did not remember him, but he mentioned he had attended our celebration on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe last year. Before coming to the Feast, he had a very advanced form of cancer. He had lost a tremendous amount of weight and had already had last rites given him. Although he was not a parishioner, he had heard that our Church had the Missionary Image for the evening and he came to ask Our Lady's intercession. As is the tradition in Mexico City, he entered the church on his knees and walked across the sanctuary also on his knees all the way to where Our Lady's Image was being venerated and favors sought.

This man shared with me that he was completely healed of his cancer and wanted me to share this with you. Thanks be to God!! He would also like to know where the Image is scheduled to be over the Feast Day so that he could go and give thanks. God bless you for your wonderful ministry.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is working miracles in the lives of her children through her Missionary Image!

Our supporters write to us and say that we give them hope in a darkening world, "*Even though it's going on five years now since Hurricane Katrina came and destroyed our little town...many are still struggling and not over the depression of all the lasting devastation that it brought, as well as all the lives it took. But because of the Missionary Image of Our Lady coming, she brought us HOPE!*"

Help Continue Missionary Image Visitations

Through our hard-working staff, our Guardian Teams and the Missionary Image, Our Lady of Guadalupe stops abortions, melts and heals hearts, changes lives, and leads us to Sacramental life. Please help us . . .

- ◆ To continue the Visitations of the Missionary Image.
- ◆ To continue to handle our large volume of mail and phone calls for orders, questions and invitations for Visitations.
- ◆ To form, train and support Guardian Teams to plan and receive Visitations.
- ◆ To continue to send me to speak at conferences, retreats, and parishes throughout the world.
- ◆ To distribute free books, brochures, holy cards, Rosaries and Scapulars to those who cannot afford them.
- ◆ To produce and distribute books, audiotapes and videotapes to help to bring a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love, as Pope John Paul II requested.
- ◆ To maintain and strengthen our online presence.

Annual Appeal to Fund Our 2010 Budget

This is what we need to raise our 2010 budget of \$430,960.00. Keep in mind that this is just our normal, bare-bones and no-frills operating budget. Most pro-life apostolates have budgets much higher than this. Some are even in the *millions!* **I only ask for the moneys needed just so we can continue the work that we have been doing for the last 19 years.** This budget does not include any provisions for growth or special projects.

Scripture tells us that *“almsgiving covers a multitude of sins”* and that *“Prayer is good when accompanied by fasting, almsgiving, and righteousness.”* *“It is better to give alms than to treasure up gold. For almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin.”* (Tobit 12). Further, almsgiving gives *“fullness of life.”*

Office Expenses (Occupancy, utilities, equipment and supplies)	\$ 99,293.00
Postage and Shipping (For our correspondence, newsletters and shipping materials to Image Guardians)	\$ 45,723.00
Telecommunications (For supporting Guardians by phone, answering questions and counseling)	\$ 2,764.00
Personnel (For salaries for our staff)	\$177,089.00
Educational Materials (Producing newsletters, booklets, audio and video materials)	\$ 70,591.00
Donations	\$ 1,500.00
Deficit from 2009	\$ 34,000.00
TOTAL	\$430,960.00

Our Apostolate lives "from hand to mouth" with nothing to fall back on except you and Divine Providence. We have no investments, no CDs and no savings. Like you, we must pay for occupancy and utilities. In addition, we must pay living wages for our employees to help them support themselves and their families. However, God has always provided for us through the intercession of St. Joseph, Our Lady of Guadalupe and your help. I trust that God will continue to provide for our needs through them and through you.

We only ask for what we need, spend only for our needs and hope in God to supply them through you. We sincerely thank you for your past help.

WE NEED A TOTAL OF \$430,960.00!

We hope that this amount will be reached if you support our Annual Appeal with a donation of \$1 per day (\$365) or more or ten cents per day (\$36.50) . . . or some gift in between. **You can even spread that out semi-annually, quarterly or monthly! We can't do this without you!**

As we enter Lent, I ask you to make a sacrifice to pray for us and contribute to our support. Lent is the season to meditate on the Passion of Christ. Please

order my book, *Praying with Our Lady of Guadalupe*. It contains *The Way of the Cross with Our Lady of Guadalupe*. Lent is also the time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Jesus said, "If you give what you have as alms, all will be wiped clean for you!" (Lk. 11:41). Almsgiving is charitable aid through sacrificial giving. I raise one hand to God and I hold the other out to you so that from your charitable hands I can receive alms to continue the Visitations of the Missionary Image.

Pope Benedict XVI points out in his 2008 Lent Letter, "*St. Peter includes among the spiritual fruits of almsgiving the forgiveness of sins.*" God's forgiveness is given to men as a gift, the Pope explains, and "*sharing what we possess with the poor disposes us to receive such a gift.*" Finally, the Pope writes, almsgiving is a form of imitation of Christ, who "*gave his entire Self for us.*" The Pope suggests: "*In his school, we can learn to make of our lives a total gift.*" I hope that you decide to support or continue to provide alms for our Apostolate.

I realize that our economy is in recession and many people are hurting financially. **But you are our only hope to promote Visitations of the Missionary Image throughout our hurting nation!** The time to respond is now. Please help us continue to respond to John Paul II's prayer that Our Lady of Guadalupe visit every diocese and parish in America!

Please send whatever you can afford. As Our Lady of Guadalupe said to Saint Juan Diego, "**Do the best that you can!**" Every gift no matter how large or small is appreciated. One of our supporters wrote, "*bless you for all of your hard work in arranging Visitations of the Missionary Image which you sacrifice for the world!*"

In summary, this is why I need your financial support:

1. Unlike a business, we are an apostolate and we don't charge for our services.
2. Like a business, we need to pay for a building with heat, electricity and equipment for our employees to provide these services and they need to be paid a living wage.

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ated. Our Lady knows how much you're able to give. Please ask her to guide you. It's the sacrifice that counts . . . Not the dollar amount. Our Lady works miracles with every penny we receive!

The important thing right now is to please send some gift today if you are able. Please don't put my letter aside or worse, throw it out and think, "Someone else can do it." YOU are that "someone else!" We need your help TODAY!

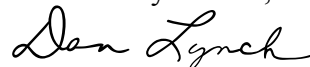
Please send me your special prayer petitions and your email address so that I can send you urgent messages of news or prayer needs. Or you can take a few minutes right now and make a contribution **using our secure online system at www.JKMI.com**. You can also give by calling us toll-free at **888-834-6261**.

My main concern is to maintain our mission and keep the Visitations of the Missionary Image going so that we bring hope, hasten the end of abortion and the Culture of Death and bring conversions and a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love. As long as I do this, I trust that God will continue to bless our work through you and that the funds will come.

Please continue to support us and to pray for our mission so that we can keep up this good work. I thank you for all of your prayers and sacrifices in the past. **It's only because there are people like you in the world that we will soon see the Culture of Life and the Civilization of Love.**

We remember you and your intentions in our Perpetual Novena to Our Lady Guadalupe, our daily Rosaries, our weekly Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament and our special monthly Masses. Thank you for remembering us!

In Our Lady's Heart,



Dan Lynch

P.S. For your support of our Annual Appeal with a gift of \$100 or more, I will send you **FREE** my book, *Our Lady of America, Our Hope for the States*.

P.P.S. BULLETIN! Please read the enclosed message of Jesus King of All Nations, Why Did God Allow The Destruction of Haiti? I just received it!