

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

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Dan Lynch and
The Missionary Image

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Dear Friend of Our Lady of Guadalupe,

Blessed Pope John Paul II declared a new mission for America. 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, throughout 2010, **hundreds of Masses, hours of adoration, Rosaries and veneration took place through Visitations of the Missionary Image.** Reconciliations, healings, conversions and new life resulted from these fruitful Visitations.

Blessed John Paul II said in his *Gospel of Life* that a **“great prayer for life is urgently needed”**. Is this great prayer for life that we promote 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?

Remarkably, 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 so that more people become aware of the great work of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Visitations Bring Hope

I’d like to share with you some of the comments and testimonies that our Missionary Image Guardians have sent us. These will show how Our Lady is again bringing hope to a nation that is morally divided between promoting life and promoting death. Hosting a Visitation is so easy and filled with such special blessings.



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

“The Image arrived a day early. My husband saw a tear in Our Lady’s right eye. He stroked her face and comforted her. A minute later it went away and there was a smile on her face. After praying to Our Lady, I placed my hand over her heart and it leapt out to me with one strong beat. All I could think of was John the

Baptist leaping in Elizabeth’s womb. I felt such joy and love emanating from Our Lady.”

“I took the Image to a home chapel. Two Filipino priests concelebrated Mass. We prayed the Rosary, novenas to Our Lady and to the Holy Spirit. All venerated a relic of St. Faustina someone brought. Two women inquired about being Guardians. After plenty of food, fellowship and fun, we went back into the chapel and prayed a special rosary for the deceased.”

We took the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to visit Fr. Joji, a priest visiting from India, on

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the feast of her Visitation. Father was only visiting the parish for a month. What are the chances of his seeing her in southern India? Father told the congregation that when he touched Our Lady with his hands, he felt the entire Image vibrating! After the Visitation, Our Lady thanked us with a powerful scent of roses. No need to say goodbye to Our Lady – she never leaves us!”

“Our Lady has always been special to me, but after the Visitation, I really feel her presence in my life. She is the mother of Our Lord and I feel a special connection to her. I feel that she helps me with my own mothering and I draw on her strength every day. I think back to that day in front of her Image and feel that it truly changed my life.”

Hope! It is alive in those who venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe in her Missionary Image on her Visitations throughout our country.

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*, Blessed 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 on Visitations to all the dioceses and parishes of our country, as Blessed John Paul II requested.

Missionary Image Miracles

From a Guardian in New York last Lent, we received this report:

“On the day we brought the Missionary Image to the CFR Convent, one of the sisters reported that a hearing problem was resolved the minute she walked into the convent and into Our Lady’s true presence. She constantly had a feeling of being underwater, possibly Amenorrhea. Once she entered the convent the sister reported feeling unclogged and healed. To this date she remains free of the hearing issues.”

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

Blessed John Paul II called Our Lady of Guadalupe the “Mother of Hope”. Our supporters write to us and say that our apostolate gives them hope in a world threatened with terrorism, natural disasters, economic depression and moral corruption.

A Guardian from Florida wrote about a Visitation during the oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico last summer. On their drive to the coast with the Missionary Image, a strong storm blew in. She reported:

“The light rain turned into a downpour that lasted hours. Parallel to our road a funnel cloud was forming. It was impressive; cone shaped and significant in size. I prayed to Our Lady to please intercede for us and the funnel cloud decreased to half its size in a matter of a couple of minutes.”

She continued, “On July 13, we took Our Lady out on an enclosed dock that faced the Gulf of Mexico and prayed the Rosary. We encountered people fishing who inquired about what we were doing. We explained that we were there with Our Lady to pray for the entire Gulf region. They thanked us for being there and for our prayers. We used blessed salt along the way and on the beach. ***It’s interesting to note that two days after we were praying on Keaton Beach, the BP people finally got the cap to hold on the massive hole on the ocean floor!***”

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 a 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 distribute free books, brochures, holy cards, Rosaries and Scapulars to those who cannot afford them.
- ◆ To produce and distribute books, audios and videos to help to bring a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love, for which Blessed Pope John Paul II prayed.
- ◆ To maintain and strengthen our presence on the Internet.

Annual Appeal to Fund our 2011 Budget

We need to raise \$434,814.00 to cover our 2011 budget. 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 20 years. In all those years, our annual appeal has not funded our annual budget, but only barely the next month's budget.**

This budget does not include any provisions for growth or special projects. **Please keep in mind that because of a lack of funds, we had to lay off one of our staff members this past Fall and reduce salaries for others.**

Scripture tells us that "*almsgiving covers a multitude of sins*" (Sir 3:29b) and that "*prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. . . . It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life.*" (Tobit 12: 8-9).

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.

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)	\$153,264.00
Educational Materials (Producing newsletters, booklets, audio and video materials)	\$ 70,591.00
Donations	\$ 1,500.00
Deficit from 2010	\$ 10,769.00
Loan	\$ 50,910.00
TOTAL	\$434,814.00

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 \$434,814.00!

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 join me on pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Also, please order my books, *The Ten Secrets of the Blessed Virgin*

Mary and Praying with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Praying with Our Lady of Guadalupe contains The Way of the Cross with Our Lady of Guadalupe, The Passion of the Christ for the Unborn Victims. Lent is also the time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You can also find this prayer aid in our online catalog at www.JKMI.com.

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.*" I hope that you decide to support or continue to provide alms for our apostolate.

I realize that our economy is still in recession and many people are hurting financially. **The economic recession has hurt us as well as you, and we are appealing to you for some relief. You are our only hope to continue to promote Visitations of the Missionary Image throughout our hurting nation!** The time to respond is now. Please help us continue to respond to Blessed 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!*"

Please help me to continue bringing hope to the hopeless by bringing the Missionary Image to them.

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.

Every gift no matter how large or small is appreciated. 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!

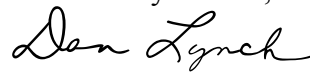
Please take a few minutes right now and make a contribution using our secure online system at www.JKMI.com or call us toll-free at 888-834-6261.

My main concern is to maintain our mission and to 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