


2023 Cardinal's Annual Appeal
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Praised be Jesus Christ!

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our time suffers intensely from the results of a superficial or even erroneous teaching of the faith. Although we must do all within our power to defend our Catholic faith in any circumstance in which it is under attack, Satan tries to discourage us. Once he has discouraged us, the temptation increases to surrender our daily battle to live in Christ and to fight for the divine truth, goodness and beauty of which He is the living image. The discouragement that Christians experience is most evident in their absence from the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays or their lack of attention to the good order of Sacred Worship as God has established it in His Holy Church. If the confusion, division, and error which are destroying so many human lives and families in the world, and which have even entered into the Church, are to be overcome, it will only be through the Sacrifice of Christ made sacramentally present for us in the Sacred Liturgy.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe has understood from the beginning that her mission, following the example of Our Lady and invoking her intercession, must be sacramental and catechetical. Pilgrims who come on pilgrimage to the Shrine experience firsthand how the Sacred Liturgy is the highest and most perfect expression of our life in Christ. The pilgrim rightly turns to the sacred rites, in order to understand more deeply the holiness of the Christian life in its every aspect. Thus, in this way, particularly at the Shrine, Sacred Liturgy remains the essential source of our understanding of the faith and of its practice in a good and holy life.

Today, if the Shrine is to continue her work, we need your help. I ask that you prayerfully consider a generous gift.

Your support of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe not only makes it possible for the daily activities of the Shrine to continue, but it gives a strong witness to Christ in our time. It gives witness to the truth that we only truly live by the word of Christ, by knowing the truth of the word of Christ and by putting the word of Christ into practice with pure and selfless love. In a particular way, by your generosity, you give inspiration and courage to all of us who have the daily responsibility for the direction and operation of the Shrine.

The responsibility of the Shrine has been, and continues to be, an instrument by which Our Lord instructs hearts in the truth of the Paschal Mystery and in all the truths of the faith. I thank you, in advance, for whatever consideration you may give to my request. And I invite you to come here on pilgrimage for a personal encounter with Christ, under the mantle of Our Lady, through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is offered twice a day, Monday through Saturday, and, on Sunday, once in Latin, once in Spanish, and once in English, with the Sacrament of Penance beginning 30-minutes before each Holy Mass. Learn more about how you can make a pilgrimage by visiting our website, GuadalupeShrine.org.

Invoking God's blessing upon you and your home, while confiding your intentions to the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego, I remain

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in the Purest Heart of Saint Joseph,



Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke
Founder, Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe