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Dear Friend,

Greetings in the name of Our Lady of Guadalupe and of her Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We remember the tender words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego, words that she addresses to each one of us:

Do not let your heart be disturbed. Do not fear this sickness of your uncle or any other sickness, nor anything that is harmful. Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle?

These words continue to inspire in us confidence in Our Lady. We are grateful to have a Mother who loves us and cares for us as her own.


In order to honor and give thanks to our heavenly Mother, I am organizing a special event on Saturday, December 12, 2020. I am going to invite the Latino community throughout central Ohio to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe together. This gathering will be streamed live from the St. Joseph cathedral on NBC4 and La Mega 103.1 FM radio station. We will include indigenous dance, moving testimonies and Mañanitas to Our Mother. The event will close with a Mass with the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, who is Pope Francis' representative here in the United States.

We must remember that, although we are being asked to distance ourselves physically, from each other, we remain joined, deeply in faith, to our brothers and sisters in Christ and in the mission of mercy of the Church, we love. However, there are many costs associated with this celebration: production, equipment, decorations, advertising, etc. For that reason, we are seeking financial support from our friends in the community. I am asking that you consider sponsoring this celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We simply cannot organize this event without your generous collaboration.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please visit <https://columbuscatholic.org/ministerio-latino> or contact Lisset Mendoza in the Office of the Vicar for Hispanic Ministry at 614-262-7992.

I am grateful for your faith and the financial support you can offer. May God bless you, and may Our Lady of Guadalupe cover you with her mantle.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan,
Bishop of Columbus