



## Nov 12, 2019 Weekly Report from Oblate Youth Ministry in Tijuana.



María Emilia Riquelme (5 August 1847 - 10 December 1940) is the founder of the order Misioneras del Santísimo Sacramento y María Inmaculada, which in turn is the order of the sisters here in the Oblate Tijuana mission that assists in many ways with the formation of the

youth. In honor of the beautification of Maria Riquelme, which took place last Saturday (Nov 3) in Granada Spain, Sister Karina organized an all-night prayer vigil. Approximately 50 youths gathered at the Divino Niño chapel, where they viewed a replay of the beautification mass, sang worship songs, and prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Marek, Sister Presentation, and five youth all from Tijuana attended the mass in person in Spain. The youth held two concerts, sponsored a talk by Fr. Jesse (Oblatos), and sold treats to raise funds for the trip. They even wrote a song honoring the foundress and played it during the mass in Granada. It was a beautiful offering of appreciation by the youth out of love and respect for the sisters here in Tijuana who have been wonderfully instrumental in their formation over the years.



*To hear their song search Youtube for elegida-pan con leche.*

This past week we had two visitors from Texas. Claudia has worked with the Oblates for 18 years and she brought her friend, Maria, who is a donor to the Oblates. The purpose of the visit was to see what else can be done to help with the mission and the people here. They visited the special needs school, where a ramp is needed. We visited Josefina, who when asked what she needs, responded for them to come visit more often, and maybe a sweater because winter is coming. They had a meal with the seniors and provided despensas for all. And they visited with the youth listening and learning about their programs, including the upcoming project of building a new youth center. They



were able to provide advice on how to conduct fund raisers so that this dream will become a reality. The youth, the seniors, Josefina, the special needs school, and everyone who had the privilege of meeting them enjoyed their smiles and hugs and really felt like they cared about us.

Gonzalez Vargas Cristian Alberto is majoring in tourism and is the recipient of a scholarship from Dave and Anne Marie Kessenich. Last week we needed blood donors and Christian and four other youths volunteered to donate for a person with cancer.

