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Reverend Jerome A. Magat, PSS  
Founder and President  
Guadalupe Free Clinic of Colonial Beach  
5 South Irving Avenue  
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

Dear Father Magat and Friends of the Guadalupe Free Clinic,

It is my pleasure to welcome you as you gather at Old Hickory Golf Club for the Fourth Annual Gala for the Guadalupe Free Clinic. Your generous support tonight and throughout the year provides medical evaluations, counsel and additional aid to the over one thousand indigent residents of Colonial Beach and Westmoreland County for whom this Clinic is the primary source of healthcare. Through its staff and volunteers, the Clinic provides for both the physical and spiritual well-being of its patients, revealing the merciful face of the Father to those who are in most need, and acting as a visible sign of the Church's unwavering commitment to the dignity of every human life.

I also commend you for your stewardship of the funds donated to the work of the Clinic. Producing nearly \$12 in free health care for every dollar donated is remarkable, as is the total of more than \$15 million in free health care services that have been provided through the Clinic since its inception in 2005.

Be assured of my prayers for the Clinic, its patients and all who support its mission. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord Jesus bless you abundantly with His healing and peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington