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THE MEANING OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN RELATION TO OUR BASILIAN MINISTRY.

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The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is undoubtedly one of the most important festivities in Mexico, in America and in the Church. To speak of the Marian event is to speak of the very presence of God in our history. The feast of Mary in the invocation of Guadalupe represents blessings, joy and salvation for a people who live in injustice and despair.

Much can be said about Our Lady of Guadalupe; however, it is certain that her presence comes to teach us the importance of trusting in God despite the doubts that exist in life. Guadalupe is a clear example of faith in God in the face of any human prognosis. Mary teaches us to believe in the God of the impossible, the God who can make all things possible, the God who fills us with hope and strength to change our reality and turn it to the love of God who comes to save us.

There is truly a great faith to God on the part of Mary in accepting that his will be fulfilled in her. This same faith is the one that Mary in the invocation of Guadalupe wants to share with us, a faith placed solely in the word of God to receive Jesus, Savior of the world. It is in this way that Jesus becomes present in our lives and comes to us to bring us hope and salvation.

Within our Basilian community, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe represents a great joy for our ministry, since throughout our Basilian history, this feast reminds us of the importance of remaining faithful to God's call to receive him and to make him known to others we meet.

It is thanks to Our Lady of Guadalupe that the Basilian community feels and expresses a deep love for Jesus and for the very brothers and sisters we serve in our ministry. Mary's joy in accepting God's will is a joy shared to fill us with hope and strength in our Basilian ministry. For this reason, the Basilian community, in the light of Mary, wants to continue to make Jesus known with joy and hope, so that together with our brothers and sisters whom we serve, we can continue to build the kingdom of God.

There are many testimonies of people who have experienced in Guadalupe the very presence of God within them. These testimonies are added to the reality that God has for us, which is that he has sent his son Jesus for our salvation and has sent him to the world through Mary.

In light of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may we as Basilians remain faithful to God's will in our lives, always carrying Jesus with us to make him known to others. May we continue to learn from Mary docility and service in our Basilian ministry. May Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to inspire us to want to continue living our ministry with joy and hope. Let us thank Mary for saying yes to God and bringing us Jesus for our salvation. Let us also thank God for our Basilian community and for the ministry we give on behalf of ourselves and our brothers and sisters, so that following Mary's example we may continue to walk with faith and hope as Mary did before the will of God.