



ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2020

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Simbang Gabi 2020
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500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES
 December 15-23, 7PM (Carols at 6:30pm)

Theme: "Admirabile Signum" by Pope Francis (2019)

December 15, Tuesday, 7pm "The Blessed Virgin Mary's Motherhood"
 Celebrant: Bishop William McGrattan

December 16, Wednesday, 7pm "St. John the Baptist's Cry in the Wilderness"

December 17, Thursday, 7pm "The Wise Men's Journey and our own Journey of Faith"

December 18, Friday, 7pm "The Shepherd's Vision of Angels"

December 19, Saturday, 7pm "The Wrath of Herod"

December 20, Sunday, 7pm "Joseph's Legacy of Obedience"

December 21, Monday, 7pm "Baby Born in a Manger (in Poverty)"

December 22, Tuesday, 7pm "The Guidance of a Star"

December 23, Wednesday, 7pm "The Holy Family: Dysfunctionality & Relevance"

December 25, Friday, 5pm MISA DE AGUINALDO
 (Christmas is Family)

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday	Confessions	4:00 pm
	English Mass	5:00 pm
Sunday	Confessions	6:45 am
	Latin Mass	7:15 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
	English Mass	10:30 am
	Confessions	Noon
	Latin Mass	12:30 pm

Weekday Schedule

Monday	Confessions	6:30 am
	Latin Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
Tuesday	Confessions	6:30 am
	Latin Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:30 am
Wednesday	Confession	11:30 am
	Latin Mass	Noon
	Confession	6:30 pm
Thursday & Friday	English Mass	7:00 pm
	Confession	8:30 am
	English Mass	9:00 am
Saturday	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	9:30 am
	Confessions	2:00 pm - 6:00pm
	Confessions	6:00 pm
	Benediction	6:00 pm
	Latin Mass	7:00 pm
	Confessions	8:00 am
Saturday	Confessions	6:30 am
	Rorate Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:00 am
	Latin Mass	9:00 am

Pastor Fr. Edmund Vargas ext 224 or 587-349-9615
Associate Pastor Fr. John Shannon, FSSP ext 226 or 403-714-7361
In Residence Fr. John Petravicius, Fr. Anthony Pudota
Deacon Ron Nowell
Bookkeeper Magda Aguillon ext 223
Janitorial Service Polmax Ecology Cleaning Ltd.

On Temporary Leave:
 John Morgan Music Director
 Heather Schilling Parish Secretary
 Dorothy Loucks Sacramental Preparation
 Maria Teresa Valez Accountant
 Dianne McKay Office Assistant

Pastoral Notes

Out of the Silence.....

We are now in a period of preparation for Christ's coming into our lives. In the midst of this pandemic, we have to keep our silence to hear and listen to God's invitation to welcome Christ into our hearts in the spirit of the Christmas season. In the restricted atmosphere of this Christmas season, we have to face the challenge of focusing our minds and our hearts on Christ who is supposed to be at the center of our Christmas madness. Focus on Christ requires some form of silence, a stillness and a solitude that disposes our soul to the promptings of God's spirit. This silence and stillness can make us listen more to the meaning of the celebration of Advent and Christmas.

For a lot of people, especially those who are victims of violence and abuse, Christmas may not really appeal to them as a gentle scenery of the Baby Jesus in the manger with shepherds, angels and kings with exotic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in the background. Such Christmas story is so sanitized and so secure for their own appreciation when they have to deal with abusive situations, violent struggles or emotional distress.

But there is the other side of the Christmas story that can relate with people who are dealing with abuse and violence. This other side of the Christmas story speaks about the painful processes required to come up with gentle scenery. The gentle scenery was brought about, as it were, by the agonizing experiences of the main characters involved in the history of our salvation. The immediate preparation for that gentle scenery involved John the Baptist, the voice crying in the wilderness, who lived in self-sacrifice and eventual martyrdom. It took exceptional courage for Mary to accept the mother of the Savior as well as for Joseph to take Mary as his wife. The aftermath of the gentle scenery was even more disturbing. Then Holy Family had to flee to Egypt as King Herod ordered his army to slaughter all children under age two in Bethlehem in a murderous search for the Child. The violent events in the Old Testament, including the murder of the prophets, remotely preceded the realization of the gentle scenery. Like the pangs of birth, the Christmas story was marred with bloody circumstances and a history of violent events, courageous acts and difficult decisions.

It is tempting to escape from this other side of Christmas which Scriptures confirm as real and must be acknowledged. Our tendency to evade the darker side of the Christmas story also speaks of our tendency to hide the harsher reality of our lives. Such denial of life's uglier side has contributed to the deafening silence about abuse and violence in our communities. It brings about scapegoating and false sense of self-righteousness.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us learn to experience not only its gentleness, peace and joy but also its aspects of fear, insecurity and violence. We have to feel for ourselves the mixed emotions of Mary, her fear and anxiety as well as her faith and courage. We have to feel Joseph's hesitation as well as his decision to take Mary as wife. We have to feel the predicament of the Magi, their fear of Herod as well as their determination to follow the star.

Christ's birth does not save us from the harsh realities of life. But He equips us with the grace to face our fears and frustration in the faith that love can overcome hate, that goodness can overcome evil, that life can and does overcome death. The of Christ overcomes the darkness of sin and death...

HEALING CORNER

December 6 is National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women which is about remembering those who have experienced gender-based violence and those who we have lost to it; it is also a time to take action. Working together we can help prevent and address gender-based violence by remembering and learning from our past, listening to survivors, and speaking up against harmful behavior. December 6 falls within the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Add your voice to the conversation between November 25 and December 10 and share the ways you are being part of the solution to end gender-based violence using the hashtag #16Days.



O people of Sion, behold, the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Isaiah, Second Sunday of Advent



CCCB Daily Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11, Psalm 85,
Second Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

Advent & Christmas Masses.

December 15-23, 7pm *Simbang Gabi (Filipino) Masses*

December 27, 3pm *Mass for Seniors*

Christmas Eve Masses:

December 24, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & 9 pm

Christmas Day Masses:

December 25, 9am & 10:30am

December 25, 5pm *Misa de Aguinaldo (Filipino Mass).*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec 6

7:15am Latin	SI	special intention
9am English	RIP	Eleanor Miller
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory
10:30am English	SI	All Parishioners
12:30 pm Latin	SI	special intention

Monday, Dec 7

7am Latin	RIP	special intention
9am English	RIP	David Kitchen
	RIP	Miro Tomas, Dora Kunyia

Tuesday, Dec 8

7am Latin	SI	special intention
9am English	RIP	Felicidad Daduya de la Cruz
	RIP	Manuela Moreno

Wednesday, Dec 9

Noon Latin	SI	special intention
7pm English	RIP	Melvin Merano

Thursday, Dec 10

9am English	RIP	Mrs Duke
7pm Latin	SI	special intention

Friday, Dec 11

9am English	RIP	Eva Cabral
	RIP	Souls in Purgatory
7pm Latin	SI	special intention

Saturday, Dec 12

9am Latin	SI	special intention
5pm English	RIP	Rev. Fr Sonny Ramiriz OP,

LATIN MASS CALENDAR

Sunday Dec 6	1 st CL 2 nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday Dec 13	1 st CL 3 rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday Dec 20	1 st CL 4 th Sunday of Advent

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rose Dourado, Ken Foran, Lois Goodfellow,
Faye LaPaz, Johnson Mont, Leanne Morgan,
Charlene Munn, and Corazon Reyes

May the Lord grant them healing, comfort, and peace.

DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER

	BUDGET	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
MTD	\$32,815	\$23,991.91	(\$8,823.09)
YTD	\$344,644	\$336,476.29	(\$8,167.71)

	GOAL	COLLECTION	DIFFERENCE
Christmas Hampers	\$30,000	\$3,790.00	(\$26,210.00)
TIA 2020	\$41,030	\$19,435.45	(\$22,069.55)
Refuge Family	\$30,000	\$30,000.00	\$0.00

2021 Staff Announcement from Fr Edmund Vargas

Bishop McGrattan explained in his most recent Pastoral Letter to the faithful that the Diocese and the parishes have made difficult financial decisions this year that will affect staffing both in the Catholic Pastoral Centre and the parishes in the year 2021.

Having met with the staff, we would like to share with you the following staff who will continue to serve in the parish for 2021: Heather Schilling (Secretary), Magda Aguillon (Bookkeeper) and John Morgan (Music Director)

As we end this year and prepare for the upcoming year, we will continue to discuss with the parish team how we can continue to creatively find ways to provide ministries that are essential to parish life with the involvement of the parish and finance councils and the volunteers here in the parish.

We take this opportunity to thank the staff who for parish financial reasons will not be coming back to their positions and the staff members who are currently employed but have been informed that their employment will end on December 31st due to a restructuring of roles and responsibilities with the limited staffing in the parish. We extend to each our thanks and appreciation for their service and contributions to the parish. I ask that we keep them in our prayers. We also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have shared of your time and resources to help us in the operation of the parish especially during this pandemic.

We pray for health, healing and holiness...

YOUR WEEKLY OFFERING



Our parish relies on your regular offertory giving for maintenance and growth. We offer many convenient ways for you to make your contributions including signing into your own banking institution and e-transfer the amount to:

isupport@stanthonyssyc.ca. To donate by credit card, or register for pre-authorized debit withdrawal visit stanthonyssyc.ca/donation. You may also mail your cheques to St. Anthony's Church 5340 4 St. SW Calgary, AB T2V 0Z5, or drop off your donation envelopes into our donation box in the church when you come to Mass. You are providing crucial support to care for your parish during this difficult time. Thank you for your generosity.

PANTRY TO ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



We are now planning our transition from our Pantry to become a “conference” or branch or affiliate with

the wider society. All members of the current Pantry and others who are interested are invited to become part of the new setup by completing the [SSVP new member form](#) and emailing it to Fr. Edmund at efvargas@shaw.ca.



WEEKLY ADORATION

If there is anything you need, pray for it. Philippians 4:6

[Red Altar Candle Offering](#)

Thursday and Friday 9:30 am – 6:00 pm.

[Register in advance](#) or sign in.

A minimum of 2 people per hour are required.

St. Anthony's 10:30 AM Sunday Livestream Mass



Watch livestream on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

IS IT OKAY TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19?

Many people might be surprised that the question is even being posed. What could be wrong about receiving a vaccine, when we know that vaccinations save lives? The moral issue arises from the fact that vaccine development and testing often make use of cell lines derived from either the tissue of aborted fetuses or destroyed human embryos. Therefore, reception of a vaccine developed and produced from this unethical research presents us with a dilemma that seriously engages our conscience. **The short answer from our Bishops on whether it's okay to be vaccinated against COVID-19 is: Yes, it is.** Read the letter from Alberta & Northwest Territory Bishops below.

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents Journey through Advent with the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. The videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (23 November, 30 November 7 December and 14 December). To follow the series, the CCCB offers several ways to stay informed:

Subscribe to the CCCB's YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cccbadmin/>

Follow the CCCB on Twitter @CCCB_CECC



CHRISTMAS GIFT ANGEL

This year we will be purchasing gift cards for families and individuals instead of actual gifts. Please help us provide gifts for our Christmas hampers by donating generously at:

www.stanthonyssyc.ca/donation

isupport@stanthonysyc.ca

Some examples of the costs for gifts:

Toy for pre-schooler child **\$35**

Back pack/school supplies **\$40**

Hat/scarf/glove sets **\$40**

Toy for child **\$50**

Winter jacket for youth **\$50**

Warm boots for a teen **\$70**

Clothing for young adult **\$75**

Towels/ sheets for a family **\$100**





Mission Mexico began in Alberta in the year 2000 as a Jubilee project by St. Mary's Parish in Cochrane, Alberta, under the leadership of Fr. Fred Monk, who had decided to raise \$100,000 to build an orphanage in Tlapa, Mexico. Soon, they were joined by other parishes in the Diocese of Calgary and Bishop Emeritus Frederick Henry declared December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mission Mexico Day in the Diocese. Students and parishioners everywhere were invited to join in the work of Mission Mexico by giving a loonie and efforts continue to this day. Donations to this outreach project have provided greater access to education and self-sustaining projects to the people in the mountainous state of Guerrero, Mexico. In celebration of 20 years in partnership and in spite of the challenges we are facing, we are encouraged to engage in a special time of prayer, solidarity, and action for the work and ministry of Mission Mexico, for "love does not go on lockdown and close itself away from the poor and vulnerable at their time of great need."

(Caritas Message for World Day of the Poor)
Watch video here - <https://youtu.be/JjwnhCwJ00>

Direct link to donate online:

<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatemissionmexico.html>



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ADVENT / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Confessions	6:30am- 6:50am	8:30am- 8:50pm	Monday & Tuesday
	11:30am- 11:50am	6:30pm- 6:50pm	Wednesday
	2:00pm- 6:00pm	6:00pm- 7:00pm	Thursdays & Fridays
	8:00am- 8:50am	4:00pm- 4:50pm	Saturdays
Adoration			
Dec 3,4,10,11	10:00am – 6:00pm		Thursdays & Fridays
Dec 17,18	1:00pm – 6:00pm		Fridays
Rorate Mass			
December 12	7:00am		Latin Mass
Simbang Gabi			
December 15 - 23	6:30pm 7:00pm		Confessions Filipino Mass
December 24			
Nativity of the Lord	3:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm 9:00pm Midnight		English Mass English Mass English Mass English Mass Latin Mass
December 25			
Nativity of the Lord	7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:30pm 2:30pm 5:00pm		Latin Mass English Mass English Mass Latin Mass Latin Mass Filipino Mass
December 31			
Mary, Holy Mother of God	5:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm until midnight		English Mass Latin Mass Adoration and Confession
January 1			
Mary, Holy Mother of God	7:15am 9:00am 10:30am 12:30pm		Latin Mass English Mass English Mass Latin Mass

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...
ISAIAH 9:2

OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN THE PHILIPPINES NEED HELP

Five storms in under a month, including the season's worst, #TyphoonGoni, and the last #TyphoonVamco. 100+ dead; thousands displaced; millions affected; over C\$475 million in infrastructure and agriculture damage; massive disruptions of healthcare, power, water and telecom services.

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SACRAMENT MATTERS

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Registration: Ongoing, please contact Fr. Edmund

In-Person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday 10:30 Mass: October 25, November 8, November 22 & December 6.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation: **December 15, 7pm** or by appointment.

FIRST EUCHARIST/COMMUNION

Registration Deadline: January 24

In-Person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday, 10:30am Mass: January 24, February 7, February 21 & March 7.

First Communion Mass: **March 14, 10:30am Mass** or by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Registration Deadline: April 11

In-person 30-minute Session with Fr Edmund in the church after the Sunday 10:30am Mass: April 11, April 25, May 9 & May 23.

Confirmation Mass is on **Saturday, May 29, 5pm**.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Please arrange an interview with Fr Edmund at any time with your Registration Form. The home study program will be explained accordingly. The program culminates with the celebration at the Easter Vigil (April 3)

BAPTISM

Please submit a Registration for Baptism Form, together with a copy of the child's birth certificate. Upon receipt, Fr Edmund will contact you for an interview and scheduling of the celebration.

An online Baptism Class is scheduled every 4th Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon, facilitated by Ferdie & Malou Gayos of the Missionary Families for Christ (MFC).

WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & ANNOINTING OF THE SICK SPIRITUAL DIRECTION or PASTORAL CONSULTATION

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December 2, 2020

Dear Faithful in Christ,

Is it okay for a Catholic to be vaccinated against COVID-19? The short answer is: Yes, it is.

Reading this, many people might be surprised that the question is even being posed. What could be wrong about receiving a vaccine, when we know that vaccinations save lives? The Catholic Church does certainly support and encourage ethical scientific research into the development of vaccines that will mitigate or even end the harm caused by this terrible disease. The virus is linked with the death to date of more than one million people, and has caused great harm to millions more.

The moral issue arises from the fact that vaccine development and testing often make use of cell lines derived from either the tissue of aborted fetuses or destroyed human embryos. Therefore, reception of a vaccine developed and produced from this unethical research presents us with a dilemma that seriously engages our conscience. On the one hand, we know that widespread vaccination is a public health imperative to keep ourselves, our families and other citizens safe; on the other, we worry that receiving the vaccine would render us complicit in the moral evil of abortion, and thus unfaithful to the teaching of the Church on the sanctity of life.

Making use of abortion to create cell lines for research and development is an affront to human dignity and cannot be morally justified. Sadly, such cell lines are so widely used in the biopharmaceutical industry that a vaccine that has not been ethically compromised in its production and/or testing by their use may very well not be available for employment against COVID-19. Doctors and families should normally seek out ethically acceptable vaccines. When this is not possible, then there arises the specific question we address in this letter: in the midst of a pandemic that poses a serious threat to public health, is it morally permissible to receive a vaccine that has been produced unethically when an ethical alternative is not readily accessible?

In such a situation, we are guided by the Church's teaching, which directs us to differentiate among various degrees of cooperation in the evil of the act of abortion. Differentiation in degrees of the moral gravity of cooperation first pertains to the original abortion(s), then the derivation of cell lines, the process of vaccine development using these cell lines, the subsequent production and eventual sale, and finally the use of such a vaccine. With respect to someone simply receiving the vaccine, the degree of connection with the original evil act is so remote that, when there also exists a proportionately grave reason for vaccination, such as the current,

urgent need to halt the COVID-19 pandemic, then the Church assures us that it is morally permissible for Catholics to receive it for the good of personal and public health.¹

However, this judgement must not be allowed to obscure the seriousness of the evil act that is the source of cell lines used in some vaccines, nor the corresponding ethical issues arising for those who work in research and development on them, or profit from their sale. It remains imperative that Catholics make clear their moral objection to vaccine development derived from abortion, and to advocate with their governments for ethically produced vaccines.

We address a special appeal to our Catholic brothers and sisters in the biopharmaceutical industry. Allow respect for the sanctity of human life from conception onward to find expression in work that leads to the replacement of morally illicit cell lines with ethically sourced ones. Please be assured of our prayerful support of this good and necessary endeavour.

Let us all together entrust ourselves and our world to the intercession of the Blessed Mother. May the powerful intercession of the Mother of God bring full healing to the sick, deep consolation to those who mourn, holy inspiration to researchers, and a swift end to the pandemic.

Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta and NWT



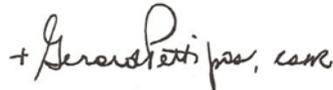
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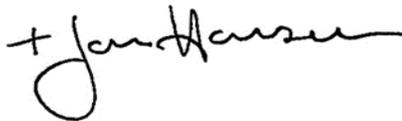
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Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan



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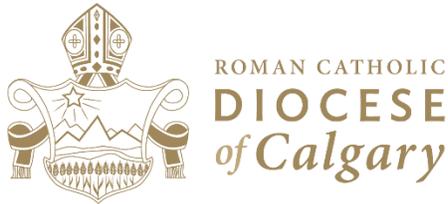


Most Reverend Jon Hansen, CSsR
Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith

¹ Cf. Pontifical Academy for Life, *Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses* (9 June 2005); Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Instruction Dignitas Personae: On Certain Bioethical Questions* (8 September 2008), 34-35.

For further information and study, see the following resources:

- Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, [Letter to the Prime Minister](#), 21 May 2020.
- Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, [Ethical Issues Concerning Vaccines Derived from the Tissues of Aborted Fetuses](#), July 2020.
- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, [Instruction Dignitas Personae: On Certain Bioethical Questions](#), 8 September 2008.
- Pontifical Academy for Life, [Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses](#), 9 June 2005.



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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing you today to once again affirm our support as a Diocese for Mission Mexico.

Some fifty years ago, Father Lawrence Moran, CSB, a priest who had taught in Calgary for thirty years, “retired” to the poorest region of Mexico, the mountains of the State of Guerrero. Twenty years ago, Father Fred Monk, a priest from the Diocese of Calgary, visited Father Moran and decided that he too wanted to support the impoverished indigenous peoples of the mountains there. Thus was born Mission Mexico.

Pope Francis, in his latest encyclical called *Fratelli Tutti*, (“On Fraternity and Social Friendship”), tells us that he writes so that we might better live “a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel” (1), so that each of us might be inspired by “that dream” of “identifying with the least” and becoming “the brother [and sister] of all” (287). The pope reminds us that “the smallest, the weakest, the poorest should touch our hearts” (194).

Mission Mexico allows the faithful of the Diocese of Calgary to respond faithfully to this Gospel challenge. Mission Mexico has proven its ability to help transform the lives of thousands of the neediest of the needy. The COVID pandemic has now brought with it special challenges, but hopefully this will encourage us even more, in the words of Pope Francis, to think not in terms of “them” and “those,” but only “us” (35).

For twenty years our diocese has given its support and has shared in the struggles faced by our indigenous brothers and sisters in Southern Mexico. The indigenous “People of the Mountain”, from over 700 towns and villages, share with you their prayers, gratitude and perseverance as your generosity fills their hearts.

Therefore, I am once again designating December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, “Mission Mexico Day”, in the Diocese of Calgary. You may give your financial donation through your parish’s second collection on the weekend of Dec 12/13, at participating Catholic schools, or online at the website: www.missionmexico.com

As the People of God, let us continue to help build a better future for our brothers and sisters in Mexico, and let us sow hope among the needy in our human family. Thank you for your heartfelt generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary