

Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary



October 15, 2018

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

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

The “People of the Mountains”, as they are often known, share with us their prayers, gratitude and perseverance as we continue to move forward with dignity-affirming projects that help improve education, health care, human rights, women’s rights, and help support the youth of the area in experiencing a better future.

Pope Francis stated: “Help one another. This is what Jesus teaches us. This is what I do. And, I do it with my whole heart.” In helping one another, and in doing it selflessly, we will find true meaning, satisfaction, and fulfillment in life. In other words, we find a way to God’s most merciful and loving heart when we assist others.

For nineteen years now the people of our diocese have given their support and faith in sharing with the struggles of our brothers and sisters in southern Mexico. We need this support to continue as we remain faithful to our identity as Catholics and in fulfilling our partnership with them through Mission Mexico.

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 December 8-9 or at participating Catholic schools on Wednesday, December 12.

Let us continue to help our poor brothers and sisters have a better future and to sow hope among those who suffer. Your heartfelt generosity is greeted with utmost love and gratitude.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads “+ William T. McGrattan”. The signature is written in a cursive style.

†Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

†WTM/mr