



# ARZOBISPADO DE GUADALAJARA

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The **SISTERS OF MARY** is a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Right founded in Pusan, Korea in 1964 by the Servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz, an American missionary priest. Their charism is to serve the poorest of the poor in the name of Christ which the sisters effectively fulfill in Korea, the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala and Brazil. After the demise of their founder in 1992, Sr. Michaela Kim was elected as Superior General and In charge of all their charity works.

In 1990, Msgr. Schwartz and Sisters established their charity programs for the poor Mexican boys and girls in Chalco, State of Mexico, which I had the opportunity to visit. Having visited their Girlstown and Boystown schools, "**Villa de los Niños**", I was then convinced of the effectiveness and importance of their charity works for the church as well as for our country, therefore, I invited them to start a Boystown school in my Archdiocese of Guadalajara in 1998. With much dynamism and faith in the Lord, they accepted my invitation.

Sisters go and visit depressed areas all over the republic to search for those who are most needy. Children are provided for with food, clothing, shelter, high-quality academic and vocational education, and other needs totally free of charge. Many of the graduates are already gainfully employed and are helping their poor families.

I am always in contact with the sisters and their work and I am truly impressed with their sincere and dedicated efforts to relieve the suffering of the poor and the underprivileged children. The growth and development of their charity works is made possible through the generosity of all the donors and friends.

Therefore, I highly recommended the Sisters of Mary and their charity works and I hope that many more people would be generous enough to share their treasure to the poor under their care, so that many more children not only in my country but also from different countries could avail of this unique opportunity in preparing for their bright future.

Devotedly in Christ,



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