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Dear Brother Priests,

At certain times, the Church gathers together for an event that provides the opportunity for a very public expression of faith. Such events make clear to the faithful that their love for God is not isolated. It also makes clear to the secular society that Catholics are a dynamic group committed to their faith.

We have had such large-scale events in the past, including Mary's Hours held for many years, the Rosary Bowl in 2007, and the annual Archdiocesan Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in East Los Angeles.

In the coming year, we will once again have a wonderful opportunity for an event on a grand scale in this Archdiocese.

I am pleased to announce that on the afternoon of August 5, 2012, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Knights of Columbus will co-sponsor a celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

As you know, I have entrusted my ministry as Archbishop of Los Angeles to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I pray that this event will also be an occasion for parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese to come together in prayerful unity.

I hope you will attend this event, and I ask for your support in encouraging the attendance of your parishioners in order to make this celebration a truly remarkable witness of faith in Los Angeles.

The event will feature prayer, music, and speakers highlighting the unifying message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Knights of Columbus have assumed the financial responsibility for this event, and there will be no cost either to the Archdiocese or to your parish. Tickets will be made available for free in the months leading up to the event.

In the days ahead, you will receive preliminary promotional literature related to this celebration, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Additional literature will be forthcoming in the months ahead, and representatives of the Knights of Columbus may call on you in order to discuss promotional efforts, ticket distribution and transportation to the Guadalupe Celebration.

As I noted in my first homily as Archbishop, "Our world needs a new evangelization! We need a new mission to the American continent! We need to bring the beauty of the Gospel to the people of our time. This is our task as the Church of Los Angeles!" I believe this event will be a wonderful expression of this mission, and greatly appreciate your support.

I offer my prayers for you and for all whom you serve, in a special way during this time of preparation for the coming of Our Lord Jesus in Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ José H. Gomez

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