

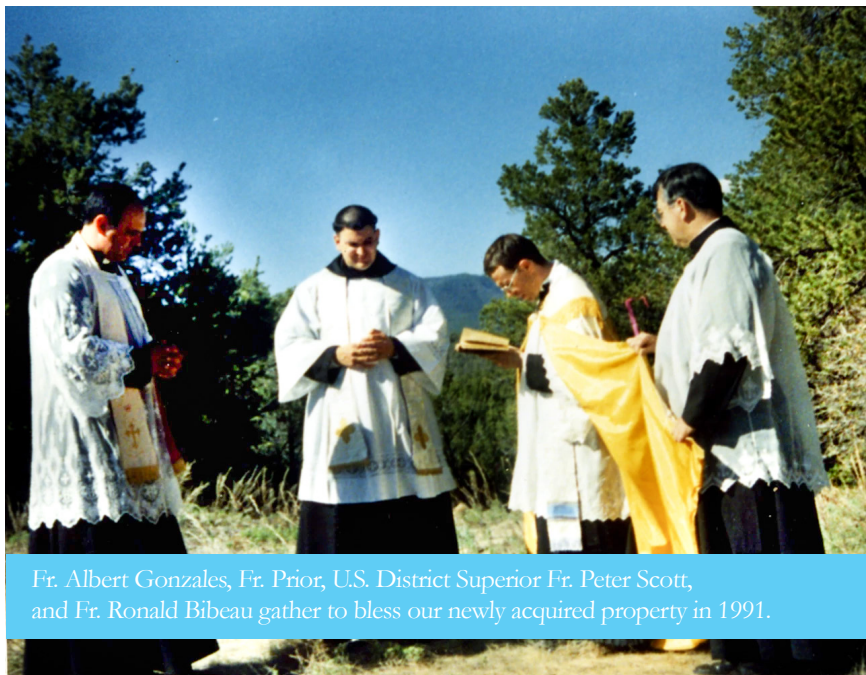
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY



MAY 14, 1991 - MAY 14, 2021





Fr. Albert Gonzales, Fr. Prior, U.S. District Superior Fr. Peter Scott, and Fr. Ronald Bibeau gather to bless our newly acquired property in 1991.

THIRTY YEARS AGO, a group of families renowned for their devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, gathered to welcome us and to show support of our fledgling Benedictine foundation. Their great faith and selfless generosity allowed us to begin with the purchase of a few acres of property overlooking the city. Many of these good souls have since gone to their eternal reward. In this special year of gratitude to Divine Providence, we include these founding benefactors in our daily masses and prayers. Thanks to them, thanks to their great faith, we are here today in two flourishing religious communities. To these first friends and benefactors, we add each and every one of you, along with our devoted Benedictine Oblates, in our year of daily prayers of heartfelt thanksgiving.

We share herein a selection of letters we have received from various authorities who represent Holy Church and State. In reading them, you will see thoughtful and compelling words of encouragement which have inspired us to multiply our many gestures of gratitude to God and to his faithful servants. Our good friends and benefactors have been an unfailing source of hope throughout these past 30 years. To you we extend our prayerful gratitude that the next thirty years will continue to be spiritually prosperous for the good of all souls, beneath the protective mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

May the many blessings imparted to us, as expressed in the following letters, be also granted to everyone who has taken part in our work, as Holy Church and our beloved nation face a most critical immediate future.

Fr. Cyprian
Prior



DEAR AND REVEREND FATHER CYPRIAN,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER and for the kind words of appreciation that you have addressed to me. From what I read, the community of which you are Prior is committed not only to the path of perfection of monastic life, but also to the active apostolate in the United States.

The Benedictine Rule, to which you conform with religious obedience, unites in the motto *ora et labora* the contemplative life and the active life, in a spiritual balance that reflects the example of Our Lord and of the Holy Church itself: prayer and preaching, interior life, and apostolic zeal.

It is a great consolation for me to see how Providence deigns to arouse so many souls inflamed by the love of God, to make up for the inaction of religious Orders now rendered almost sterile and fruitless due to their adherence to the conciliar ideology. Your Monastery is like a vigorous branch rich in sap, sprung from the tree of the Church, a tree rooted in God.

Continue your mission with serenity, without letting yourselves be intimidated and distressed. The outcome of your continuation will also be determined by the prayer and abandonment to the will of God by all the monks and faithful close to you.

Trust in the Lord ! If he has made your community prosperous and has filled it with vocations, this certainly means that the monastery is under his protection and as such it should not fear anything. Take refuge with confidence under the starry mantle of the Virgin of Guadalupe, and invoke the Paraclete to deign to enlighten the authorities, instilling in their hearts feelings of gratitude and approval for the work you are doing.

Be meek and humble, but strongly adamant in defending the autonomy of your community, its liturgy and its apostolate.

In entrusting myself to your prayers, dear and reverend Father Prior, I assure you of my constant remembrance in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and with all my heart I send you my blessing, a pledge of graces and heavenly favors.

+ Carlo Maria Viganò, Archbishop



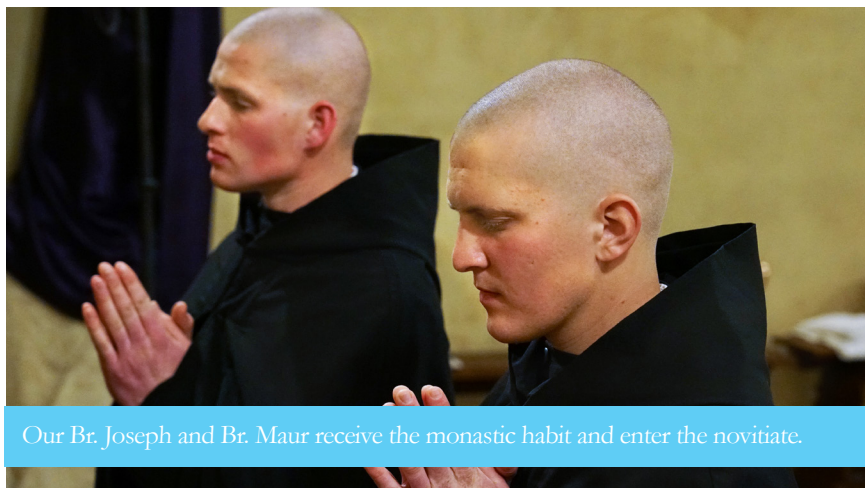
DEAR FATHER CYPRIAN, DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHERS,

THIRTY YEARS OF EXISTENCE MARKS A GENERATION OF HUMAN LIFE, even if the existence of a Monastery is supposed to last longer. At the same time, the last thirty years may represent much more than normal decades in terms of human history. We have to thank God deeply for maintaining such works in these times of ruins and tribulations. More than that, the survival is closer to the miraculous than anything else. While the religious life is demolished at great scale, the Monastery grows steadily, with both tears and joys!

Allow me to unite myself to your great joy and happiness on this occasion and to call down upon Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery the graces and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the protection of our Motherly and heavenly Queen.

+ Msgr. Bernard Fellay





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Society of
Saint Pius X

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER,

I ADDRESS MYSELF TO YOU AND TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY to tell you that the Society of Saint Pius X rejoices with you on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the foundation of your monastery. She associates herself wholeheartedly with your joy and participates in it as if it were her own: the bond that unites us is not only the one that exists between simple friends, but rather the one that unites members of the same moral family. So, our wishes and prayers are ardent and sincere.

Having recently passed through the seminary of Dillwyn, I saw with joy a number of your monks preparing to become priests, and this was a great consolation.

If it is certain that the priesthood is one of the most precious goods, and that it cannot disappear since it is the means by which the Church dispenses all graces, it is equally evident that the religious life cannot disappear either, and that the world has an urgent and vital need of it: the religious life is the external and visible manifestation of the perfection taught by Our Lord himself and by the Church.

The religious life is truly a light for the world, the living proof that the life of union with God and of prayer is accessible, attainable and most of all necessary. And this life is the life of deep and true happiness shown to the world.

I wish with all my heart that the good God bless your monastery by sending many holy vocations to it, and by granting you the grace to walk faithfully in the way to which He has called you.

May the Blessed Virgin, your Queen and Mother, take each and every one of you under her powerful protection and lead you to her Divine Son from this world, following in the footsteps of your blessed Father St. Benedict.

Fr. Davide Pagliarani
Superior General

Dear Fr. Cyprian,

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE for the collaboration over the past 30 years with Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery. As the harvest of souls seeking spiritual guidance and support continues to grow here in the United States, it is reassuring to have religious orders working alongside us and especially to have a monastery full of monks cultivating sanity and holiness through the monastic traditions of work and prayer. May God continue to bless America through religious and priestly vocations well into the future.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. John Fullerton
District Superior



Annual prunings are offered to us as firewood by local pecan farmers.



Reverend Father,

ONE DOES NOT NEED TO BE A GREAT THEOLOGIAN to understand that, in the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ, Religious Life and its contemplative form especially, is the lung that breathes forth the grace of charity.

The religious, through the prayer of the Divine Office, through his consecrated and hidden life, is the instrument of God. His consecrated life allows God to spread divine life to souls. This is particularly true when it comes to Benedictine life, where nothing is to be preferred to the love and service of God and where everything is oriented by the Rule to honor God – as St. Peter says so profoundly in one of his epistles, of which St. Benedict is the faithful echo. This Benedictine genius made Christendom and will remake it, God willing.

Faced with the decadence which affects and hurts us all, in the face of this spiritual pandemic which weakens the Church, society, family and souls so much, according to the revolutionary blasphemy insisting that all authority comes from man and not from God – contrary to what St. Paul affirmed so clearly – the Benedictine monastery is the place of restoration. This restoration takes place in the silence of prayer through the liturgy which gives God the homage of adoration due to Him. It also takes place thanks to the regular and persevering work of the monks who thus perpetuate in intellectual and physical work, their homage to God by participating in His Providence.

Unknown to the world but not to God, the Benedictine monastery is a fortress. We thank God in His infinite mercy for placing on American soil this stronghold which calls down the graces that allow souls to rediscover the sense of God. We thank Him for these thirty years in which, against all odds, your monastery has grown.

We thank you for having embarked on this adventure of supernatural reconstruction at a time when whole swathes of the Catholic world were collapsing, fortified by the blessing that our Venerable Founder, His Excellency Monsignor Lefebvre, gave you then.

Be assured, Reverend Father, of our prayers that these thirty years be only the first fruits of a resurrection which our hearts await with invincible hope. Further, we dare to hope that your monastery is the burning brand of charity that will serve to kindle other foundations as faithful as you to the spirit of St. Benedict and from which souls will be set on fire with the love of God.

In Christo + Sacerdote et Maria.

Fr. Yves le Roux

Rector



LAUDETUR JESUS CHRISTUS ET MARIA MATER EJUS.

LOOKING BACK OVER THREE DECADES, one can but recall the glorious words of St. Paul : Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift !
These United States are more blessed than can be imagined in having a Benedictine Monastery, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and now a Benedictine Nunnery, St. Joseph's Monastery, where the perennial Sacrifice of Praise is rendered to God seven times daily and once in the night.

Where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is Sung each day in the traditional Rites of Rome of the Ages.

Where the Holy Rule of St. Benedict is observed as Monks have done for over 1,500 years.

Where God is adored in spirit and in truth, as the Savior foretold to St. Nicodemus and to the woman at Jacob's Well.

Where Christian hospitality is shown to all visitors;
for all are received as though Christ had come to visit the House.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery is a beacon in the darkness of the modern world. This House of St. Benedict is a lighthouse to many suffering souls tossed on the stormy seas of life.

Every vocation to the monks or to the sisters is a miracle of God's grace.

May we all lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God for these religious houses, where each has a window to Heaven.

We have all benefited from the many prayers and sacrifices of the monks and the nuns. Have we not all contacted the Monastery these many years asking for prayers for our many intentions ?

How foresighted was the Athanasius of our day, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, when he invited Dom Cyprian O.S.B. to begin a Monastery in the English-speaking world ?

As every missionary bishop in history knows, the houses of the religious are the seeds of the flourishing Christian life of the area.

St. Gregory the Great, Benedictine Pope, taught that if the Mass had not been instituted by Christ, the World would have come to an end long before now. The holy Capuchin Friar, St. Padre Pio, taught that it would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than to exist without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. An old hymn used to begin with the words "Swing the Censors, Ring the Bells"... Now is the time to do so !

Congratulations to both Communities on this 30th Anniversary !

May the Holy Angels continue to protect and prosper their Vocations for many decades to come.

Rev. Fr. Gerard Hogan SSPX



Dear Fathers and Brothers,

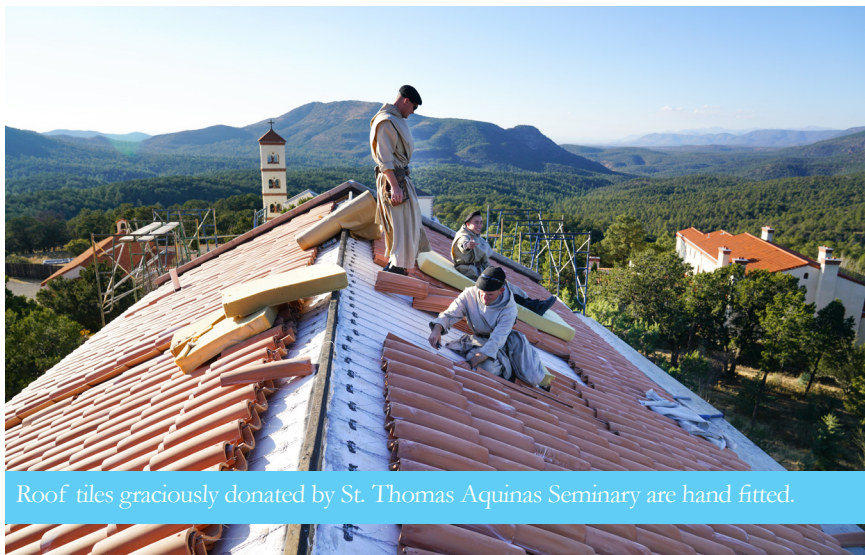
ICANNOT BELIEVE 30 YEARS HAVE GONE BY SO FAST. I remember my father working with you for the materials needed to build the monastery. You and your fellow priests and monks are a beautiful asset to our area. You indeed have brought a lot to spiritual needs and prayer. May the Lord continue to bless all of you in your spiritual journey, with love for Him and may He reward you in heaven.

Luis Terrazas
N.M. State Representative



Our brothers destined for the priesthood renew their vows and promise fidelity.





Roof tiles graciously donated by St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary are hand fitted.

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT of our dedicated benefactors and multiple volunteer work crews, our newly constructed Abbey Roast facility will soon be ready for the long awaited move-in. The gift of roof tiles from St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary has been the crowning touch. The past year has witnessed this non-stop labor of love and the monks are now finishing the interior work rooms which will house a vastly upgraded roasting layout. **The industrial equipment is being manufactured for us, costing \$475,000.** Proceeds from our ever-growing coffee apostolate are destined to aid in the construction of our greatly needed abbey church.





OUR SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S MONASTERY





WE EXPRESS our heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency for so graciously receiving our first vows which mark an important milestone in the founding of St. Joseph's Monastery. In the same event, we welcomed another novice in the beautiful investiture ceremony, inspiring our postulants with a view of their future. With overjoyed emotions we thank our families, dear friends and benefactors with grateful prayers !

Sr. Mary Agnes
Superior





Dressed in her nuptial gown, our newest sister joyfully proceeds to her investiture.



His Excellency gives the crowning touch to our new novice.



Sister requests admission into the Benedictine novitiate.



Our Benedictine nuns of St. Joseph's Monastery welcome their new sisters.





"You must do the impossible to establish this monastery ... which will be an oasis of the Faith." - Archbishop Lefebvre, January 1991

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