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# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MONASTERY



WINTER 12.XII.2012 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



*Christmas Midnight Mass*

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

**O**ur annual December 12th pilgrimage of penance and reparation in honor of our Holy Patroness is a 5-mile climb up the mountain to the Monastery. It is our gesture of devotion to re-live the original ascent to Tepeyac. Perhaps the most modest in size and number, ours is the world's smallest pilgrimage of Our Lady of Guadalupe ! The miraculous event of 1531 was the call to conversion of an entire world, the New World, long before

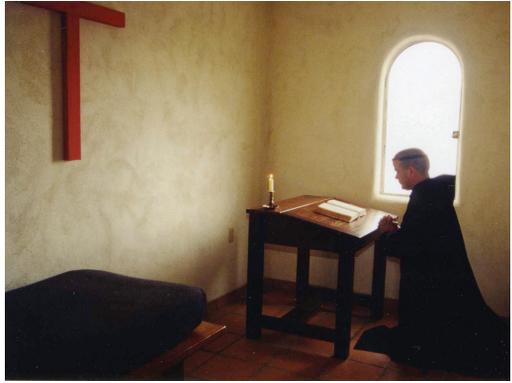


boundaries separated the various countries that now comprise North and South America. We are reminded of this definitive call to conversion through the Mediatrix of All Graces, not just as individuals, but as a nation. *"He hath not done in like manner to every nation."* Ps. 147

The organized persecution of the Catholic religion is certainly part of our own future. If we are to be singled out for who we are, then let us know and live the fullness of the Faith as found in the 15 mysteries of our holy religion, symbolized by the 15 constellations of stars which appear in Our Lady's image on the Tilma of Juan Diego. Those great mysteries of the one, true religion are indeed those of the Holy Rosary which is the source of all conversion, for Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs and Confessors, is the great apologist. May we be converted more and more each day by the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and may our souls be as many more Tilmas, bearing the imprint of what can only be wrought by the Divine Hand.

**W**e most graciously thank our benefactors who have brought us to this crucial moment in our history, as we prepare for the overall expansion of our Monastery which is no longer able to house the waiting list of vocations numbering nearly 100 aspirants. The modest fundraising projects such as coffee production and the reprinting of classic books have been a success beyond our expectations. May the little gift which came from our Monastery be a reminder of our gratitude for helping us to grow and continue our works.

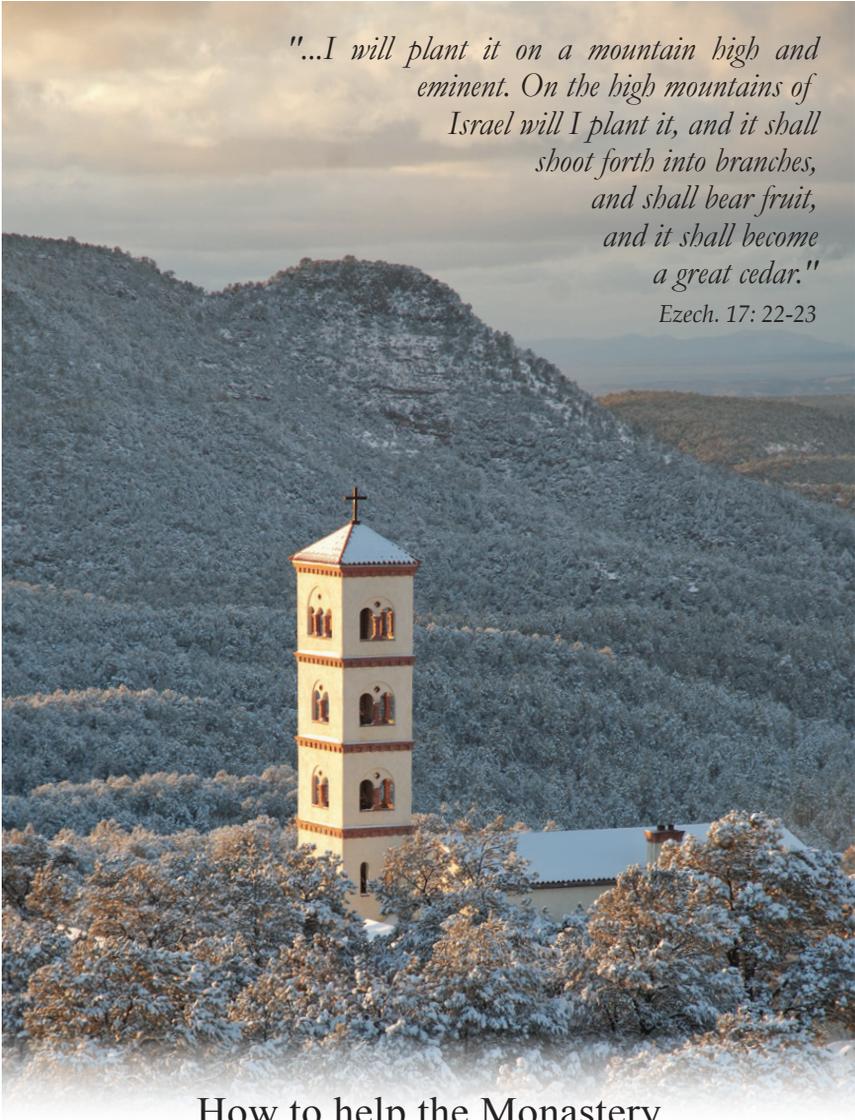
*With the prayerful greetings for a most Blessed Christmas and Holy New Year,*  
*Fr. Cyprian*



The year 2012 marks the 10th anniversary of the death of our much beloved and greatly missed Reverend Fr. John of the Cross. † June 29, 2002. Requiem Mass was offered for the saintly co-founder of our Monastery, may he be the first of our monks in heaven !

Our Fr. Gabriel visits a new mission for Vietnamese speaking faithful in northern California, among them many refugees from the war in Vietnam. Today the Vietnamese community numbers several hundred thousand in California alone. Coming from a Catholic and persecuted nation, few of the faithful have seen the traditional Latin Mass since they fled the Communist invasion of Vietnam. An enthusiastic group of 200 faithful will serve as the founding nucleus of the future mission of Our Lady of La Vang, named after the principal Marian apparition which took place in 1798 during the initial conversion of the Vietnamese people to the Catholic Faith.





*"...I will plant it on a mountain high and eminent. On the high mountains of Israel will I plant it, and it shall shoot forth into branches, and shall bear fruit, and it shall become a great cedar."*  
Ezech. 17: 22-23

## How to help the Monastery

The growth of our monastic community, the construction work required for our present expansion and our ongoing apostolates depend entirely on charitable and goodwill donations.

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