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Dear friends:

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Together with our Mexican Benedictine Sisters, we send you greetings, and we thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Sisters and their mission at the Guadalupe Center in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

The Sisters have been working tirelessly to continue the mission of the Guadalupe Center and have continued to welcome many groups from Mexico. However, a large part of this mission is the outreach to persons and groups from the United States and Canada in order to forge the bonds of friendship and understanding among our peoples.

Although the news media portrays the violence and instability that is presently affecting Mexico, the Sisters know their country and are confident that they can provide safe and healthy surroundings and experiences for their guests. Moreover, despite rising costs in Mexico, they want to maintain the same fee for the Experience that they have asked over the past several years.

We invite you to organize a new group or to come again for a new experience at the Guadalupe Center. Mindful of the economic restraints in this time, in addition to the 10-day Experience the Sisters are offering the possibility for shorter stays at the Center. Programs at the Center are flexible and can be adapted to the interests and time constraints of the group.

Groups could simply come just to enjoy the hospitality of the Sisters and structure their time in creative ways among themselves. Or, they can focus the experience on the cultural, archeological and/or the ecological heritage of Mexico; the life of the indigenous people, their youth, crafts and cooperatives; alternative forms of health care; developments in human rights; Base Christian Communities; the experience of women in the emerging world; or any other area of interest or combination of interests that a group may have.

The hospitality of the Sisters is extraordinary as many of you well know. You are able to help the Sisters to continue their work and mission at the Guadalupe Center by organizing groups. This is a challenging mission to build the bridges that link peoples with one another and to open hearts to a new vision of God's Reign inspired by Gospel and deeply human values. Your efforts will be much appreciated.

You can contact us at Weston Priory by telephone (802-824-5409) and speak with Anne Johnston, the office assistant for the Guadalupe Experience (she is in the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings) or contact us at any time through e-mail mexico@westonpriory.org Information is also available on our website: www.westonpriory.org - then click on "A Latin American Experience."

Thank you sincerely for your enthusiasm and interest to promote this program that has been offered for more than 25 years. You continue to bless us, the Sisters in Mexico, and the people of Latin America.

With sincere gratitude,
your brothers of Weston Priory

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