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Dr. Maria R. Chavira Ph.D.

Chancellor

Diocese of Phoenix

Dear Dr. Chavira :

Thank you for your support of our ministry and service to the Diocese of Phoenix. We would like to update you on Missionaries of Mary, a Public Association of the Faithful inspired by Fr. Tom Forrest and canonically established in 2011 in Peru, recognized in Phoenix in 2021, and currently applying for Pontifical International Status. The Pontifical Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in Rome has requested us to provide letters of support from Diocese we are active in. We are respectfully requesting a letter of support for our application. Our family has served the Diocese for almost fifty years.

Currently, our activities in the Diocese include:

1. MaryTown, our international evangelization headquarters in South Phoenix, which unites lay people, clergy, and religious to form Catholic leaders, offer social services, and create businesses to serve the community.
 - Form Catholic leaders to evangelize
 - Provide Catholic Social Services
 - Create businesses and institutions for residents and the poor
2. The Guadalupe Project forms Eucharistic Evangelizers in families, helps young Catholics understand the Bible and Eucharist, and encourages religious vocations and youth participation in the Church. It supports Bishop's TILMA pastoral plan and prepares for the 500th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions, and the 2000th of the Redemption of Christ.
3. The international TILMA TOUR started in Phoenix, is an interactive concert using music, drama, and media to reach young people, supported by Digital Missionaries.
4. Weekly, we share "Christ in Our Neighborhood" Mass readings with over 100 groups locally and internationally.
5. Our International Catholic Leadership Center (ICLC) provide formation for Catholic servant leaders, using remote and in-person instruction with evidence-based learning for a secular, digital society.
6. We have two Catholic Montessori classrooms and train communities to open Catechesis of the Good Shepherd schools. Schools in Mexico and Peru are in progress.
7. We help coordinate the Diocese's HONOR YOUR MOTHER event, the largest religious celebration in downtown Phoenix, uniting cultures in an annual procession and Mass for the Virgin of Guadalupe.

In Christ,

Armando Ruiz