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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ of Divine Redeemer and Our Lady of Guadalupe parishes,

On this Memorial of St. Patrick, the great missionary and bishop, I am pleased to unite my prayers with yours as we embark in unity on this mission given to us by the Holy Spirit.

I share with you again what your pastors shared with you this past weekend. It is with a heart full of hope and trust in God's boundless mercy, I humbly and lovingly invite your communities to unite in faith and generosity as we embark on a sacred mission: the formation of the **Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Divine Redeemer Church (Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Iglesia del Divino Redentor)**.

This mission entrusted to you is an act of responsible stewardship, a call to love, a call to charity, and a call to come together as one body in Christ. Through this shrine, we will create a spiritual home where all may seek refuge in God's mercy, find strength in unity, and deepen their devotion to Our Lord and His Blessed Mother. It will be a place of healing, reconciliation, and renewed faith.

I'm sure you will have many questions about this vision. There will be opportunities to address those questions and share more specifics in the coming months. For now, I ask for your prayers; prayers that God might bless this effort, and prayers that the Holy Spirit will help each of us discern our own role in this mission. In light of that, I invite you to begin praying with me the attached prayer that was authored by your pastors, Fr. Jason Keas and Fr. Alex Diaz.

In Christ's Love and Mercy,

+ James R. Golka

Most Reverend James R. Golka
Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs