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Therefore, it is a pastoral priority of the diocese to provide ongoing formation and training to diocesan and parish staffs to help renew this authentic vision for the parish. In addition, parish staffs are more than just a staff, but are a community of disciples united in Christ to accomplish his mission in a unique way. The parish staff is called to have a spirituality of communion and collaboration so that they may bear fruit in the work of building up missionary disciples for the New Evangelization.

## Conclusion

So let us “rise and be on our way”. With great confidence we entrust this Year of Hope and the mission of the New Evangelization in the Diocese of Colorado Springs to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially to Our Lady of Guadalupe who is the Patroness of our Diocese:

*O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children. Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall help us to rise again and return to Him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the Sacrament of Penance, which gives peace to the soul. We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth. Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all true joy and peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*<sup>42</sup>

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*(Scripture citations taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition)*

<sup>41</sup> USCCB, *The Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment*, 1984

<sup>42</sup> Prayer of St. John Paul II to Our Lady of Guadalupe