



September 5, 2011

To: Worthy Grand Knights

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Family Marian Hour of Prayer 2011/12

Every year, the Supreme Council chooses an icon of Our Lady to travel throughout each jurisdiction, as the focus of the Family Hour of Prayer devotion. This Fraternal year, the chosen icon is Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas which will commence October 12th, 2011.

There are four icons circulating among the councils of the BC-Yukon jurisdiction. The complete schedule will be sent to you or through your District Deputy, and is also posted under both "What's new?" and "Events anyone?" links of the State website under the title of the Family Marian Hour of Prayer. Each council receives the icon for one week, beginning on Wednesday, and ending on the following Tuesday. Ideally, the icon should be passed from one council to the next on either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. Practically, it is up to the two councils involved to make arrangements that best suit the local situation.

In order to have a successful week of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, please perform the following:

1. Make arrangements with your pastor and chaplain well in advance. An excellent way to increase the number of participants is to hold a prayer service after weekday Mass, in addition to one or more evening services. Ask your pastor to consider this option.
2. Arrange for publicity in your parish bulletin and council newsletter, so that the services that you hold will be well attended. This devotion is for everyone; not just for knights and their families.
3. Contact the previous council on the schedule and make arrangements to obtain the icon. Be sure that you receive a corrugated shipping box, measuring approximately 47" x 30" x 5" (which contains the icon, and a log book) and a smaller shipping box measuring approximately 18" x 12" x 6" (which contains prayer books and prayer cards). There should be about 300 prayer books and 900 or more prayer cards. People attending the services may keep the prayer cards if they wish, but the prayer books must be collected and passed on to the next council. If the supply of the prayer cards is getting low, please notify me immediately and I will send additional cards to the next council on the list.
4. As each service is held, record the date, place, time, officiating priest or lay person, and number attending. At the end of the week email this information to me at anisperos@shaw.ca. If you are unable to arrange to email the information, send by fax to (604) 275-7420 or mail to

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Also, please enter a summary of your week's services in the log book.

5. Contact the next council on the schedule, and make arrangements to pass the icon to them. Be sure to repack all items as received, and pass on both boxes to the next council.

Let us all work together to make this prayer program a great success, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thank you for your cooperation and Vivat Jesus.

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State Family Life Director

