

To His Most Reverend Eminence
Raymond Cardinal Leo BURKE
President of the Board of Directors
of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe of La Crosse
Via Rusticucci 13, Vatican City

Vatican City, January 14, 2021

Your Most Reverend Eminence,

With letter n. 582/20 of December 3, 2020, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, has transmitted to this Pontifical Council, for its competence, your letter of November 26 of this year.

His Eminence requests that the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse (Wisconsin, USA), of which he is currently President of the Board of Directors, be granted the same privileges as those granted to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. In particular, it is requested that when making the traditional pilgrimage to venerate the Virgin of Guadalupe at the Shrine of La Crosse, instead of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, the same spiritual benefits be obtained.

In this regard, having understood the pastoral motivations that tend to support popular spirituality, this Dicastery:

- Considering that not all pilgrims, especially those of Mexican nationality, can travel to their home country to thank the Virgin Mary every year;
- Considering that the current Covid-19 pandemic is severely hindering people's travel;
- Considering that the pilgrimage of every Christian is recognized as a true profession of faith and becomes an essential moment of grace for the Christian life;
- Considering the importance of sustaining the popular spirituality so deeply rooted in the faithful.

Having seen also Can. 76 et seq. of the C.I.C., the requested indult is gladly granted, in the hope that, with the intercession and heavenly patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, the pilgrims may obtain the copious graces requested.

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to greet you with lively cordiality and to confirm myself with profound respect,

of Your Most Reverend Eminence, your most devoted

+ Rino Fisichella

Msgr. Graham Bell

Under Secretary