



**Christmas Greetings  
from the Sisters  
at the Guadalupe Center,  
Cuernavaca, Mexico**



**Dear friends,**

**Amidst the bleakness of the economic crisis and the insecurity that has preoccupied the present-day world, we Sisters spent this past 2008-2009 year receiving people in hospitality and preparing for the 11<sup>th</sup> General Chapter of our Congregation of Sisters that took place July 17 to 30, 2009, here at the Guadalupe Center.**

**In preparing for the Chapter, we shared our dreams of how we envision the future of our religious life together and how it would be possible to allow this new vision to become a reality for our Congregation, our society, and our church. This search brings us to dream with Jesus at the manger in Bethlehem. With him, will we dream the hopes of a better life for the poor of our world? Will our efforts to dream together as Sisters bear fruit in our mission and service for the Reign of God among us?**

**This year as we explore this dream in our local community at the Guadalupe Center, we are enriched by the presence of four new Sisters Consuelo Ortiz, Jovita Rosales, Fidelina Monzalvo and Guadalupe Cázares.**

**At the same time we remain deeply grateful for the Sisters who have been called to share their lives and gifts in other communities of the Congregation: Sisters Elizabeth Torres and Elvira Medina Ledezma; and in a special way, Sister Fabiola De la Torre who served the mission of the Guadalupe Center enthusiastically and faithfully for 19 years.**

**Due to the economy and the overall insecurity experienced in our world today, very few organized groups from the United States came to the Guadalupe Center this past year. However, we were blessed by several longtime friends from the States who took the initiative to visit us. Moreover, we received groups from different parts of Mexico who requested to come to the Center for a weekend or several days of retreat, meetings or a workshop.**

**We received a large group of Hindus for 4 days; students from the Universal University of Languages in Cuernavaca; Marriage Encounter groups; Bio-Dance and Wisdom Music groups; priests from the Diocese of Huejutla, in Hidalgo, Mexico, and priests of the Oratory (Oratorians); Women and Men Religious from different Congregations; Prayer Groups and Base Community groups; and of course, our own Sisters who came to the Center on various occasions for retreats and meetings. We feel so gifted by the presence, the openness, and the friendship of each person and group that comes to the Center.**

**With gratitude for your friendship, we pray that this Christmas and New Year 2010 will bring us all closer to the realization of Jesus' dream for our world: peace, reconciliation, well-being, and love for all humanity.**

**Your Sisters at the Guadalupe Center,  
Rosario Olmos, Ascensión Torres, María Eugenia Morales, Ma. Rosa Nava,  
Ma. Guadalupe Cázares, Jovita Rosales, Consuelo Ortiz, Fidelina Monzalvo,  
María Teresa Razo**