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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known the **Sisters of Mary**, a Religious Congregation of Pontifical Right, given to them on March 2000, founded by the Servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz in 1964 in Pusan, South Korea, in order to serve the poor and needy people in the name of Christ.

I appreciate and admire their extraordinary dedication in pursuing their vocation and their religious charism in serving Christ through the poor entrusted to their care.

In Guatemala, City, the Sisters of Mary are taking care of 900 girls at their "Villa de las Niñas" in Zona 13; and of 1100 boys in "Villa de los Niños" in Zone 6. They provide them with food, shelter, clothing, academic and vocational education, as well as medical services, totally free of charge. The children are with the Sisters in their respective Centers for four years of studies; three years of Basic Education and one year in Middle School. After finishing their studies, the Sisters assist them in finding jobs, so that when these young people go back to their families, they may be able to help earn a living and be of help to their own families.

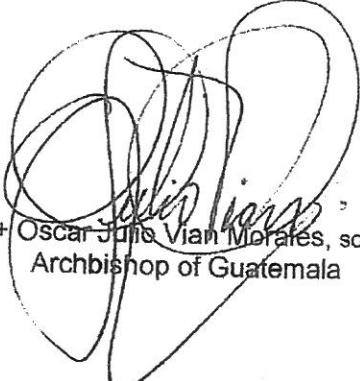
The Sisters of Mary also attends to the dental and medical needs of the poor people, through their Clinic in Zone 13, being able in such a way relieve the suffering of many poor patients.

I am acquainted also that the Sisters of Mary are present not only here in Guatemala but they are also present in South Korea, the Philippines, Mexico, Brazil and recently in Honduras. The Church recognized their Religious Institute, together with their charism and their main purposes, as far as the charity programs are concerned.

Therefore, I have no doubt in recommending this Religious Congregation and encourage whatever assistance may be extended to the Sisters of Mary in their exemplary dedication to promote the integral welfare of many poor and needy people, specially children and young people, who are the hope of the Church and of the country.

May God bless you.




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