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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Religious Congregation of **Sisters of Mary** was founded by the Servant of God, Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz. The Sisters have been serving the poorest of the poor children and the sick people in Guatemala through their Centers "Villa de los Niños", the Day-Care Center and their Medical and Dental Clinics.

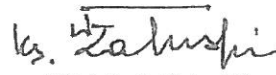
In their Centers "Villa de los Niños", they provide food, clothing, shelter, high quality of academic and vocational education, medical and dental services totally free of charge. The sisters take charge of their moral and spiritual formation, which is an integral part of their personal development, thus preparing them to be productive citizens of the country and model members of the Catholic Church. At present, the Sisters take care and educate 1100 boys and 900 girls who are orphans, abandoned coming from the very poor families all over the Guatemalan Republic. More than 2,000 have already graduated and are already working, helping their families financially as well as spiritually, since they too help in the evangelization of those around them.

In their medical and dental clinics, they provide food, consultation, laboratory examinations and medicines to all their indigent patients daily. Seeing the needs of the single parent and poor mothers, a Day Care Center was opened to take care of little kids up to 4 years old. This center gives opportunity to the mothers to work and at the same time an opportunity for the children to have proper nutrition and hygiene as well as develop their mental and physical capacity.

Indeed I thank God for these religious sisters, who totally consecrate themselves in the service of the Lord and giving the preferential option to the poor, which is the work of the Church. They are not only helping in Guatemala but also in Mexico, the Philippines, Brazil, Korea and recently, Honduras.

I highly recommend the **Sisters of Mary** and I thank all the people who are supporting them financially and I hope that more generous people will give their assistance so that more poor will be relieved from their sufferings.

May our Lord bless you, I remain.


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