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100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROVINCE OF BELIZE 1913-2013

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalms 95:2

Dear Sisters of Our Lady of Guadeloupe Province,

Hearty Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary of your presence in Belize! The history of each province is very special, and yours is one of the oldest in the entire Congregation and is very unique. Each of these five scores of years is full of great events that cover the full range of human emotions. Together it a story of heroic women, who driven by the Love of Christ and a desire to literally "row out into the deep" in order to evangelize at that time a little known territory. No sacrifice was too much for those who followed in the way of Jesus according to the Gospel and teachings of St. Vincent Pallotti.

A Centennial Anniversary calls for a great celebration of memories that show how you grew and developed. They are the threads, which woven together, create the cloth that binds us as one Pallottine family of Belize. With such a strong foundation, we must now challenge ourselves to go forward into the deep of the future, where there are souls longing for you to come. Light the fire anew and rekindle the flames of those characteristics that built your successful mission.

May you continue to deepen your love for Christ, your faith in God and in Our Lady of Guadeloupe and trust in the next generation of missionaries. I wish this to be a Year of Hope for your future.

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