

"I suffer with the pain of my people; I weep and am overwhelmed with deep sorrow."
Jeremiah 8:21

Mexico City, March 13, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

In recent days, various media outlets have reported the recent discovery—carried out by the Guerreros Buscadores de Jalisco Collective—of an organized crime training and extermination camp at the Izaguirre Ranch, located in the municipality of Teuchitlán, Jalisco. (See the Annex for links to media reports with more information.)

This discovery, along with previous ones, fills us with such pain and indignation that we want to invite you to show solidarity in your local communities by organizing a Day of Prayer for the many people who suffer from the disappearance of their loved ones. You can also join other initiatives organized by different groups.

As Consecrated Life in Mexico, we embrace the statement of the Mexican Episcopal Conference and wish to unite across the country with those who continue searching for the remains of their missing family members, digging with shovels and pickaxes.

If possible, we encourage you to replicate this collective action and bring pairs of new shoes and candles to accompany the prayer. Isaiah urges us to draw near to the suffering people:

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.

"Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Make a way through the wilderness for the Lord!

Go up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news. Say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God."

(Isaiah 40:1-2, 9)

In this *Jubilee Year*, we are called to take actions that bring hope: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5) and makes us strong in tribulation." (Pope Francis)

On behalf of the National Board of Directors, we thank you for your attention and initiatives.