

Words of Archbishop Restrepo

We are going to do the blessing of this marvelous present that comes to us from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Oh God, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, united to your church that pilgrims through this world, an image of the future glory it expects to reach, make that your faithful who have elaborated this image of the Blessed Virgin pass in trust her eyes to her, and that we, when we see her, can discover in the brightness of her eyes the invitation to look to heaven, for our Lord Jesus Christ, amen. The blessing of Almighty God: Father, son and holy spirit descend over this image and make us discover through it, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

And now, we make the consecration of our Archdiocese and our city of Manizales to the Blessed Virgin:

I, Gonzalo Restrepo Restrepo, Archbishop of Manizales, do this day an action of repentance and forgiveness for all trespasses that have occurred in this province of Manizales, especially for those who judged the catholic faith in past centuries. Also, I ask forgiveness for my sins and the sins of all those who are part of this beloved Archdiocese ... and today, Mary Our Mother, through this consecration we are about to make and on behalf of the catholic people of this Archdiocese we ask you to take to our father the petition of our forgiveness, and through this pardon the consecration that we do today to you. Through it, we also look for peace for our beloved Colombia, for our homes and for ourselves.

By this means, I consecrate the Archdiocese of Manizales, in the City of Manizales, all parishes, priests, religious men and women, our homes, all

the people that live here, so that the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus get to the bottom of our lives and transform us.

By the authority that I have as Archbishop by this means I consecrate and give to God everything we are, everything we have, for his love and protection on each person and their families.

I proclaim this day, Thursday, May 30 of 2013 as the day of consecration for this Archdiocese in which, every year as from this moment we will renew our consecration. Amen. Let us give a big hand.