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El Papa a los religiosos: despojarse de todo para dar testimonio de la primacía de Dios

En la homilía de la misa celebrada en la plaza de San Pedro con motivo del Jubileo de la vida consagrada, León XIV se detiene en los tres verbos propuestos por el Evangelio de Lucas: «pedir», «buscar» y «llamar». Desea «generosos impulsos de caridad», como ocurrió en la vida de los fundadores y fundadoras, hombres y mujeres enamorados del Señor y, por ello, dispuestos a ser «todo para todos».



Gianluca Biccini – Ciudad del Vaticano

Al despojaros de todo, sed testigos vivos de la primacía de Dios en vuestra existencia, ayudando en todo lo posible también a los hermanos y hermanas que encontráis a cultivar su amistad.

Es una tarea exigente la que la Iglesia confía a las religiosas y religiosos de todo el mundo, pero el Señor recompensa «con tanta belleza y riqueza» a quienes deciden comprometerse a hacerla la brújula de su actuar. León XIV lo recuerda esta mañana, 9 de octubre, ante los miles de participantes en el Jubileo de la vida consagrada, durante la misa presidida para ellos en una plaza de San Pedro calentada por el tibio sol de octubre.

El Jubileo dedicado a la vida consagrada

Hombres y mujeres de diferentes orígenes, clases sociales, lenguas y razas, comprometidos en diversos campos del apostolado, pero unidos por un único propósito, seguir a Cristo por el camino de los consejos evangélicos, se están reuniendo estos días en Roma, procedentes de cien países del mundo, para vivir juntos un tiempo de gracia y comunión en el Año Santo. Y la celebración de la Eucaristía con el Pontífice representa el momento culminante de todo el programa elaborado por el Dicasterio para los Institutos de Vida Consagrada y las Sociedades de Vida Apostólica (Divcsva), junto con el Dicasterio para la Evangelización, responsable de la organización de los eventos del Jubileo de la Esperanza.

«Abandonarse como niños»

Superiores y simples religiosos y religiosas, monjes y contemplativos, miembros de institutos seculares y de los «nuevos institutos», pertenecientes al Ordo virginum, ermitaños, cada uno con su propia historia personal, después de haber atravesado las Puertas Santas de las basílicas papales y haberse acercado al sacramento de la reconciliación, se encuentran hoy escuchando en silencio la homilía del Pontífice, un consagrado como ellos, desde que el 29 de agosto de 1981 emitió los votos solemnes en la Orden de San Agustín. El obispo de Roma define esta elección de vida como un «signo profético» de misericordia, porque la profesión de los consejos evangélicos «es abandonarse como niños en los brazos del Padre».

Pedir, buscar, llamar

En presencia de las religiosas Simona Brambilla, misionera de la Consolata, Tiziana Merletti, de las Hermanas Franciscanas de los Pobres, y Carmen Ros Nortés, de las Hermanas de Nuestra Señora de la Consolación, y del claretiano Aitor Jiménez Echave, respectivamente prefecta, secretario y subsecretarios del Dicasterio, concelebran junto con León XIV, entre otros, los cardenales Ángel Fernández Artime, salesiano pro-prefecto del Divcsva, y Mauro Gambetti, franciscano conventual, arcipreste de la basílica Vaticana. Comentando el pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas propuesto por la liturgia, el Papa Prevost retoma los tres verbos de la oración «Pedir», «buscar», «llamar».

"Son actitudes familiares para ustedes, habituados... a pedir sin exigir, dóciles a la acción de Dios. [...] "Pedir", de hecho, es reconocer, en la pobreza, que todos es don del Señor y dar gracias por todo; "buscar" es abrirse, en la obediencia, a descubrir cada día el camino que debemos seguir para alcanzar la santidad, según los designios de Dios; "llamar" es pedir y ofrecer a los hermanos los dones recibidos con corazón puro, esforzándose en amar a todos con respeto y gratuidad".

Hacerse «todo para todos»

Por otra parte, observa el Pontífice, «la historia nos enseña que de una auténtica experiencia de Dios brotan siempre generosos impulsos de caridad, como ocurrió en la vida de vuestros fundadores y fundadoras, hombres y mujeres enamorados del Señor y por eso dispuestos a hacerse «todo para todos», sin distinciones, en los modos y ámbitos más diversos». Leone XIV también se muestra consciente del riesgo que se corre de una verdadera «parálisis del alma», por la que se acaba conformándose «con una vida hecha de instantes fugaces, de relaciones superficiales e intermitentes, de modas pasajeras... que dejan un vacío en el corazón»; porque —aclara— «para ser verdaderamente feliz, el hombre necesita experiencias de amor consistentes, duraderas, sólidas». Y en este sentido, las religiosas y los religiosos, con su ejemplo, «como los árboles frondosos que hemos cantado en el salmo responsorial», pueden «difundir por el mundo el oxígeno de esa forma de amar».

From the

Pastor

“Vayan a presentarse a los sacerdotes.” – Lucas 17,11–19

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

El Evangelio de hoy nos presenta una historia poderosa sobre el poder sanador de Dios y un hombre agradecido que no olvidó las bendiciones que recibió del Señor.

Hoy celebramos nuestra Fiesta de la Cosecha, una oportunidad especial para agradecer al Señor por los frutos de la tierra y por todo lo que hemos recibido de su generosidad en esta tierra privilegiada. Tenemos mucho por lo cual dar gracias: nuestras familias, un techo, trabajo, nueces, leche, agua, chile, cebollas, calabazas... y sobre todo, una comunidad unida que ama al Señor y se preocupa por los demás.

Los invito a reunirse para esta gran celebración. Es el Señor quien nos manda: “Vayan a presentarse a los sacerdotes.” Ustedes pueden venir a nosotros por muchas razones, pero sean testigos ante nosotros, sus sacerdotes, del amor que ha sido derramado en sus corazones. Cuando somos agradecidos con el Señor por su presencia y por el don de la fe, somos más felices y estamos más dispuestos a servir.

Por favor, no pierdan esta oportunidad de construir comunidad, de trabajar por la paz en la tierra—y comenzar con nosotros. Si queremos un mundo mejor, escuchemos al Vicario de Cristo. El Papa León nos invita constantemente a cuidar de los demás.

Somos como los leprosos que necesitan ser sanados. Solo a través de Él podemos ser purificados. Un corazón limpio tiene un gran valor. Pidamos al Señor que cree en nosotros un corazón puro. Un corazón corrompido por la malicia y la ira causa mucho dolor. Como dice el Señor en el Sermón de la Montaña: “Dichosos los limpios de corazón, porque ellos verán a Dios.”

Hay una lepra en nuestros tiempos que muchas veces se ignora: el odio y la ira. Corroen el corazón y envenenan nuestras relaciones. Pero Dios no es la fuente de eso—¡Dios es amor! Ayuda a la Iglesia Necesitada, dijo el Papa León, nació en 1947 como respuesta al sufrimiento causado por la guerra. Busca fomentar el perdón y la reconciliación, y dar voz a la Iglesia dondequiera que sufra o esté amenazada.

Sí, enfrentamos muchos desafíos. Vivimos en una sociedad herida que necesita sanación. Pidamos al Señor que nos haga un pueblo sanador. El amor sana—el amor de Dios.

Unamos nuestras fuerzas a las intenciones de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos y de nuestro Santo Padre en su misión por la unidad y la sanación en la Iglesia. Tras la primera reunión formal del Papa León XIV con el liderazgo de la Conferencia Episcopal de EE. UU., el Arzobispo Timothy Broglio habló de la unidad de los obispos estadounidenses con la Santa Sede y de su misión compartida de proclamar el Evangelio en medio de la polarización y los desafíos sociales.

Aunque los desafíos sean muchos, nuestro Divino Médico camina con nosotros. Él tiene el poder no solo de sanarnos, sino de hacernos sanadores heridos.

Él nos concede la alegría de su presencia y la certeza de que nos ama y siempre viene a nosotros. Que el Señor los bendiga y les conceda la gracia de perseverar en su misión. ¡Estaré muy feliz de verlos!

¡FELIZ FIESTA DE LA COSECHA!

Con cariño,
Padre Alejandro Reyes Cárdenas Rector

"Go show yourselves to the priests." Luke 17:11-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's Gospel presents us with a powerful story of God's healing power and a grateful man who keeps in mind the blessings he has received from the Lord.

Today we are celebrating our harvest feast; an opportunity for us to thank the Lord for all the fruits of the earth and everything we have received from his bounty in this privileged land.

We have families, shelter, jobs, pecans, milk, water, chile, onions, pumpkins and a united community that loves the Lord and cares for others.

During this time, I invite you to come together for this great celebration. It is the Lord who commands us show ourselves to the priests. You can come to us for various reasons but be witnesses to us priests of the love that has been poured into your hearts.

When we are grateful to the Lord for his presence and the faith we have received, we are happier and ready to serve. Please don't miss this opportunity to build the community and to work for peace on earth because it begins with us. If we want a better world we should listen to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Leo, who constantly invites us to care for others.

We are but lepers in need of cleansing, and it is only through Him that we can be made clean. A clean heart is of great value. Let us ask the Lord to create in us a clean pure heart—because a heart that is corrupted by malice and anger causes too much pain. The Lord in his sermon on the mountain says blessed are the clean of heart, theirs is the kingdom of God!

There is a leprosy in our time which is ignored but is not good: It is hate and anger, and it corrodes the heart and putrefies our relationships, and God is not the source of it. God is love!

"Aid to the Church in Need," said Pope Leo, "was born in 1947 in response to the suffering caused by war, seeking to foster forgiveness and reconciliation while giving voice to the Church anywhere she suffers or is threatened."

Yes, there are many challenges. We live in a wounded society in need of healing. Let us ask the Lord to heal people in our times—because love heals—the love of God. Let us unite our strength for the intentions of the conference of Bishops of the United States and our pope and their quest for unity and healing in the Church.

Following the first formal meeting of Pope Leo XIV with the leadership of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference, Archbishop Timothy Broglio speaks of the American bishops' unity with the Holy See and its shared mission to proclaim the Gospel amid polarization and social challenges. The challenges may be many but our Divine physician walks with us and has the power not only to heal us but to make us the wounded healers. He grants us the joy of his presence and of knowing that he loves us and always comes to us.

May the Lord bless you and grant you the grace to persevere in your mission. I will be so happy to see you!

HAPPY HARVEST FEAST

Sincerely,

Father Alejandro Reyes Cardenas, Rector

"Dilexi te", León XIV: no se puede separar la fe del amor por los pobres



Se ha publicado la primera exhortación apostólica de Robert Francis Prevost, un trabajo iniciado por Francisco sobre el tema del servicio a los pobres, en cuyo rostro encontramos "el sufrimiento de los inocentes". El Papa denuncia la economía que mata, la falta de equidad, la violencia contra las mujeres, la desnutrición y la emergencia educativa.

Salvatore Cernuzio – Ciudad del Vaticano
Dilexi te, "Te he amado" (Ap 3,9). El amor de Cristo que se hace carne en el amor a los pobres, entendido como cuidado de los enfermos; lucha contra la esclavitud; defensa de las mujeres que sufren exclusión y violencia; derecho a la educación; acompañamiento a los migrantes; limosna que "es justicia restaurada, no un gesto de paternalismo"; equidad, cuya falta es "raíz de los males sociales". León XIV firma su primera exhortación apostólica, Dilexi te, un texto de 121 puntos que brota del Evangelio del Hijo de Dios, que se hizo pobre desde su entrada en el mundo y que relanza el Magisterio de la Iglesia sobre los pobres en los últimos ciento cincuenta años. "Una auténtica fuente de enseñanzas".

Jesus wants to be close, rekindle hope, on life's journey, pope says



At his Oct. 8 general audience, Pope Leo XIV said Jesus accompanies everyone -- even when they are experiencing failure, doubt and pain. Reflecting on the resurrection, he urged Christians to find Christ's presence everywhere in daily life and to let his love transform disappointment into hope.

Carol Glatz

Pope Leo XIV greets fourth grader Augie Wilk, who was elected "Pope Augustine" in a mock conclave May 6 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy in Chicago, during the pope's weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Oct. 8, 2025. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich of Chicago looks on. The students' reenactment of a papal election in May went viral days before Pope Leo's own election May 8. (CNS photo/Lola Gomez)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Jesus is always walking alongside everyone, no matter how mundane or precarious their journey, Pope Leo XIV said.

"Sometimes we think that the Lord comes to visit us only in moments of contemplation or spiritual fervor, when we feel worthy, when our lives appear orderly and bright," the pope said Oct. 8 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square.

"Instead, the Risen One is close to us precisely in the darkest places: in our failures, in our frayed relationships, in the daily struggles that weigh on our shoulders, in the doubts that discourage us," he said. "Nothing that we are, no fragment of our existence, is foreign to him."

Among the more than 60,000 pilgrims in the square was a group of students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy in Chicago with Cardinal Blase J. Cupich. The students were wearing white and scarlet outfits and a four-cornered hat similar to what a cardinal wears. One student was dressed as a Swiss guard.

According to the Chicago Catholic archdiocesan publication, they had reenacted a "mock papal conclave" May 6, two days before the real College of Cardinals elected Chicago-native Cardinal Robert F. Prevost in Rome.

In their own schoolwide rendition, the children had elected on their third ballot Augie Wilk, a fourth grader, who took the name Pope Augustine.

"Students had to apply to be one of the 20 cardinals; five sixth graders portrayed cardinals over 80 who could not vote but helped run the conclave," the publication reported.

Teachers made the costumes, including the red "mozettas" or capes, out of felt, and the hats out of cardstock, it reported.

Cardinal Cupich, who was one of the 133 cardinals in the conclave that elected Pope Leo, visited the students at their school June 2 to watch their reenactment, it said, "and to answer their questions about the real conclave."

Pope: In this age of communication, nobody can say 'I did not know'

Addressing a global network of leading news agencies, Pope Leo thanks reporters who every day work to share the truth, often risking their lives. It is thanks to them, he says, that we have knowledge of the world.

By Francesca Merlo

Pope Leo on Thursday paid homage to journalists who are working on the front lines of conflict. "If today we know what is happening in Gaza, Ukraine, and every other land bloodied by bombs, we largely owe it to them."



As he addressed members of MINDS International—a global network of leading news agencies—the Pope described these "extraordinary eyewitness accounts" as the "culmination of the daily efforts of countless people who work to ensure that information is not manipulated for ends that are contrary to truth and human dignity." In a world marked by violent conflict and misinformation, the Pope called on media professionals to recognize the risks their colleagues take to ensure the world stays informed—and to honour their sacrifices by upholding the highest standards of integrity and truth.

Journalism is not a crime

In light of this, the Pope reiterated his long-standing appeal for the release of journalists who have been unjustly detained or persecuted. "Doing the work of a journalist can never be considered a crime," he insisted. "It is a right that must be protected."

He warned of attempts to suppress or manipulate information in the name of political or ideological interests and called on reporters and media professionals to hold fast to their vocation, even under pressure: "Your service requires competence, courage, and a sense of ethics."

Information is a public good

The Pope's address comes at a time in which global events demand "particular discernment and responsibility," and during which the role of the media in forming consciences and supporting critical thinking has never been more essential... or more threatened.

Pope Leo went on to describe the paradox that "in the age of communication, news and media agencies are undergoing a period of crisis." He added that audiences, too, are in crisis, as too often the line between truth and falsehood becomes increasingly blurred. Still, he continued, in a world saturated with information, "no one today can say, 'I did not know'."

Information, he stressed, is "a public good" that must be protected through responsible reporting and collaboration between citizens and journalists. A "virtuous circle" is created, he said, when the public actively supports serious and independent journalism—contributing to the health of civic life.

A call for ethical communication

Quoting Pope Francis, Pope Leo echoed the call for "courageous entrepreneurs, courageous information engineers", to prevent the degradation of communication through clickbait, disinformation, and unfair competition. Media agencies, he noted, are on the frontlines and must find ways to balance economic sustainability with a commitment to accurate, balanced reporting.

Addressing then the rise of artificial intelligence, which he warned adds a new layer of complexity, the Pope asked: "Who controls the algorithms, who directs it, and for what purposes?" As automated systems shape how information is delivered, Pope Leo called for vigilance to ensure human beings remain at the centre - and that power over digital tools does not concentrate in the hands of a few.

Defending truth in a post-truth world

Bringing his discourse to a close, Pope Leo quoted Hannah Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, warning that the ideal subject of totalitarian regimes is not someone ideologically committed, but rather someone for whom "the distinction between fact and fiction, and the distinction between true and false no longer exist."

In such a world, he stressed, journalists have a vital role. "With your patient and rigorous work", he continued, "you can act as a barrier against those who, through the ancient art of lying, seek to create divisions in order to rule by dividing". Journalists, he said, must serve as a "bulwark of civility" against the dangers of post-truth and approximation.

Pope Leo concluded by reiterating to all involved in the communications sector that transparency, accountability, and objectivity are essential; and that "the world needs free, rigorous, and objective information".

What is happening



Today is the day come join us for the Harvest fest October 12, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS



Vigil / vigilia Saturday / sábado October 11th

5:30p.m. Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)
Thanksgiving for Sacred heart of Jesus & Mother Mary (by Yazmin and Family)
Healing Frank & Licha Romero (by Granados Family)

Sunday / domingo October 12th

7: 30a.m. †Joshua Gonzales (by Sandra Guerrero)
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

9:00a.m. †Eddie Morales & Trujillo Familias (Sp) (by Mannid Morales)
Benditas Almas del purgatorio
Por todas las familias (by Bertha Burciaga)

11:00a.m. †Robin Madrid (by Gloria & Family)
†Mercedes Flores (Teo Rodriguez)
†Margaret Acevez (Ernest Acevez)

Monday / lunes October 13th

8: 15a.m. †Carlos Barela
Thanks Jesus Crist(Denise Munos & ingron family)
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

Tuesday / martes October 14th

8:15a.m. Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

6:00p.m. †Cruz Monje (Cecilia M. Monje) (Sp)

Wednesday / miércoles October 15th

8:15a.m. Healing of Nellie Granados (by Granados Family)
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)
Thanksgiving Healing Alex Velazco(by Lisa Archuleta)

Thursday / jueves October 16th

8:15a.m. Valentin Montoya (Mary Nelen Sedillo)
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

Friday / viernes October 17th

8:15a.m. †Tito Padilla (Angela Padilla & Luann Marquez)
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)

Saturday / sábado October 18th

8:15a.m. †Ralph A. Martinez
Intercession for St. Michael Archangel in our Diocese (by Elodia)



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In a village near Jerusalem, Jesus saw ten lepers. He cured them, but only one remembered to thank Him.

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Saint of the week / Santo de la semana

s. Teresa de Jesús,
virgen, doctora de la Iglesia,
carmelita descalza



St. Theresa of Jesus, Virgin,
Doctor of the Church,
discalced Carmelite

De las novelas a la dura realidad

Hija de segundas nupcias de un judío convertido, Santa Teresa de Ávila nace el 28 de marzo de 1515. La feliz infancia que transcurre con sus hermanos y primos la ve fascinada por los romances caballerescos. Tras la muerte en la batalla de su hermano mayor Juan, en 1524, y la pérdida de su madre Beatriz, la joven es enviada a estudiar en el convento de las agustinas, Santa María de Gracia, donde tiene una primera crisis existencial. Después de una enfermedad grave, regresa a su casa paterna, donde es testigo de la partida de su amado hermano Rodrigo hacia las colonias españolas del otro lado del océano. En 1536 es afectada por la así llamada “gran crisis” y madura la firme decisión de ingresar en el Monasterio de las Carmelitas de la Encarnación de Ávila. Pero el padre se opone y Teresa huye de casa. Recibida por las monjas, realiza la profesión el 3 de noviembre de 1537.

“Me sentí completamente conmovida”

Su salud pronto vuelve a comprometerse. A pesar del consiguiente retorno a la familia, su caso se juzga desesperado y Teresa regresa al convento donde las monjas comienzan a prepararle el funeral. Inexplicablemente, sin embargo, en unos pocos días la enferma retoma vida. Parcialmente liberada de los compromisos de la vida de clausura debido a la convalecencia, alegre de carácter, amante de la música, la poesía, la lectura y la escritura, teje una densa red de amistades polarizando a su alrededor a varias personas deseosas por conocerla. Aun así, pronto advierte estos encuentros como motivos para distraerse de la tarea principal de la oración y vive su “segunda conversión”: “Mis ojos se posaron en una imagen... Representaba a Nuestro Señor cubierto de llagas. Apenas la miré, me sentí completamente conmovida... Me arrojé a sus pies en lágrimas, y le supliqué que me diera fuerzas para no ofenderlo nunca más”.

Al final Teresa tendrá lo mejor con el nacimiento de la Orden reformada de los Carmelitas y las Carmelitas Descalzas. La obra más famosa de Teresa es ciertamente El castillo interior, un itinerario del alma en busca de Dios a través de siete particulares pasajes de elevación, flanqueados por el Camino de la Perfección, y por las Fundaciones, así como por muchas máximas, poesías y oraciones. Incansable a pesar de su mala salud, Santa Teresa de Ávila muere en Alba de Tormes en 1582, durante uno de sus viajes.

From novels to hard reality

The daughter of a Jewish convert and his second wife, Saint Teresa of Avila, was born on March 28, 1515. She had a happy childhood with her brothers and cousins, and was fascinated by novels that told tales of chivalry. After the death of her elder brother, John, in 1524 and the loss of her mother, Beatrice, the young woman was sent to study at the Augustinian Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, where she was struck by a first existential crisis. After serious illness, she returned to her father's home, and witnessed the departure of her beloved brother Rodrigo for the Spanish colonies overseas. In 1536, she was hit by the so-called “great crisis” and came to the firm decision to enter the Carmelite monastery of the Incarnation at Avila. Her father, however, was opposed, and Teresa fled home. Accepted by the nuns, she made her profession on 3 November, 1537.

“I felt shaken to the core”

Teresa's health once again failed her. Despite the consequent return to the family, her case is deemed hopeless, and Teresa is returned to the convent, where the nuns begin to prepare her funeral. Inexplicably, however, the gravely ill Teresa returns to life and health. Partially released from the commitments of cloistered life owing to her convalescence, cheerful of character, a lover of music, poetry, reading and writing, Teresa would weave a dense fabric of friendships, drawing to her person various people eager to meet her. She would quickly come to feel these encounters a distraction from the principal task of prayer, and experience her “second conversion”: “My eyes fell on a picture ... It was our Lord covered with sorrows. As soon as I looked at Him I felt completely shaken ... I threw myself before His feet and shed tears, and I begged Him to give me strength not to offend Him anymore.” In the end, Teresa would have the best of it: with the birth of the reformed Order of Carmelites and the Discalced Carmelites. Teresa's most famous work is certainly the Interior Castle, the soul's journey in search of God through seven particular steps of elevation, alongside her Way of Perfection, and the Book of Her Foundations, as well as numerous maxims, poems and prayers. Tireless despite her constant health struggles, Saint Teresa of Avila died in Alba de Tormes in 1582, during one of her journeys.

Pray for the Members of Our Parish

Who Are Ill

Mary y Tony Gallegos	Jennette & Jessie
Phyllis Larkin	Margie y Carlos
Caesar Lopez	Armendariz
Raymond Matlak	Stella Armenta
Lupe Mirabel	Christina Arrieta
Deacon Ed Misquez	Mrs. Arvizu
Mr. & Mrs. Montoya	Daniel J. Castillo
Msgr. Juan Moreno	Alice & Carlos Castro
Lucy & Nacho	Alice Romero
Jackie Ontiveros	Bill & Raquel Chubb
Virginia y Mike Ortega	Joe Contreras
Martha Rivera	Narciso Dominguez
Julieta Rojas	Rick & Gerry Duran
Rose Sedillo	Harry A. Lujan
Daniel Telles	Alice Lujan
Sally Torres	Elizah & Zurayah
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