

Letter to faithful of the Diocese of St. Augustine
For the occasion of the feast of Our Lady of La Leche
Bishop Felipe J. Estévez
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Dear all priests, administrators, coworkers, volunteers, benefactors and friends of the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche of St Augustine:

As you are about to celebrate the annual feast of our Our Lady of La Leche, I thank you for being good custodians of this extraordinary gift, the ancient devotion to the nursing mother at St. Augustine.

This Marian presence has enriched us all for almost the last 450 years. The first Christians of Florida loved her dearly to the point that the Chapel was even known as the Chapel of the Indians.

Hundreds of parents have prayed and sought her intercession in their desire for a child. Their prayers have been answered in so many instances that it has become known throughout the world.

The Shrine has promoted a prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ while bringing such blessings of mercy, healing and restoration in so many lives.

May the wonderful fruits of this blessed Shrine at Mission Nombre de Dios reach more and more families!

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