

Dear Heavenly Father, how many times have You seen us creating events like these? We're so busy trying to shear up Your Church, to save Your world, to persuade and inspire our neighbors, both close and remote, to follow Your commandments, to emulate Your Divine Son, to call out those who violate Your laws. And You, Father yes You indulgently continue to look down upon us in love, allowing us to show You what You already know. You are so good to us, Father allowing us to busy ourselves in Your service, smiling upon what is important to us, our meager efforts to please You and show You how we are willing to fight Your fight and to win Your battles.

Heavenly Father, how often do we forget in our enthusiasm to realize that it is not You Who need us, but it is we who need You so desperately? Though we know that, to be a true Catholic, we must always stand ready to do battle with the weapons you give us. Continue, we beg, to remind us how much we need You, how much misguided powers in our society, bent on perverting Your Order, insist that men are the same as women and women are the same as men, all this without qualification or distinction. Both masculine and feminine are downgraded to the basest of core elements and then reworked to be the opposite of the order You created.

"The true feminism is knowing how to behave in all the circumstances in which we live in this modern world. A woman now works, a woman now has commitments she didn't have before. True feminism is to behave with the dignity that God gave us as women, to be an example of your faith.

Father, assist all true, Catholic feminists to embrace the beauty of their bodies and the genius of their hearts. May they use their freedom to express the sensitivity, generosity, and maternity that our culture so desperately needs. Let them call upon the true model of femininity and feminism, Our Lady of Guadalupe in this all-important agenda to inspire the all to return, once more, and cooperate with You in the reshaping of today's world.

And finally, Father, we're so grateful to be here, about to share this wonderful meal. We thank You for this opportunity for fellowship and to support wholeheartedly this great challenge. Please help those who do not have enough to eat this night and we ask You to Bless us, O Lord....