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My name is Juan Ramon Hernandez. I was born in Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico. Since I was a young boy in Mexico I always loved Church and had the option of Priesthood as a possible life goal, but it was not until recently that I really felt the call.

Coming from a Mexican background there is a very strong Marian devotion, especially for Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the 2009 Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Luis Gutierrez asked me if I had ever considered the Priesthood. That entire Novena I prayed on what it was that God was calling me to do with my life. The day of the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe I felt assured that God was calling me to the Priesthood.

This thought initially scared me but then I looked up from prayer and there was Mary with her loving and tender eyes which seemed to looking straight at me and I knew that she will protect me and guide me into this journey.