

## Reflection regarding the Mariachi Mass

For the Congregations of our Cathedral it was a new and refreshing experience, because many of us had never heard the music of Mariachi and much less had we thought that a Mexican popular music group played sacred music.

The music was surprising, very joyful, different from what we have always heard in our Church. The musical group was very good, their performances were excellent and the songs were very encouraging.



The religious service was motivating because it allowed us to see that there are other forms of worship. There is no doubt that there are different cultures in which God is present and that God manifests Himself in everyone and for everyone.

It is possible that this new experience invites us to have other new experiences with another type of music to learn about other cultures. However, it is not easy for everyone to accept the changes because, many of us feel comfortable with our traditions, but the times have changed, and are very different. There is resistance to changes because they frighten many.



We learned that May 5 is not the date of the Independence of Mexico, and that it is the date of a battle against the French invasion in a particular point of the Mexican territory after its independence. This celebration has been held in the United States since the beginning of the 20th century by Mexican immigrants and their descendants as a symbol of their cultural and ethnic pride.

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