About the Matching Prize Recipient

In addition to the Notre Dame Prize itself, another $15,000 is awarded to a Latin American charitable organization recommended by the laureate, thus advancing the work the Prize honors.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Cárdenas, the matching prize will be donated to Hermanos en el Camino (Brothers in the Road). Founded in 2007 by Rev. Alejandro Solalinde Guerra, Coordinator of the Pastoral of Human Mobility, South Pacific Region of the Mexican Episcopate, the Hermanos en el Camino shelter cares for Central American migrants passing through Ciudad Ixtepec, Oaxaca on their way north.

Arriving in Ixtepec after long journeys on top of freight trains, the migrants become victims of assault and extortion at the hands of both gangs and the local authorities. Accommodating hundreds of men, women, and children daily, Rev. Solalinde and his team of volunteers offer these “brothers in the road” food and lodging, medical and psychological treatment, and legal support.

In the face of violent threats, Hermanos en el Camino remains uncompromising in its daily care of migrants and its stance against the abuse of their human rights.