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**Blessing of the Meal for
Southwest Liturgical Conference
January 15, 2016**

If we think it's hard sometimes to open wide the door,
just remember how easily the door to the kitchen flies open
when people are really hungry! But we are here this
weekend to learn to worship our Lord more fully, so let us
stop for a moment before beginning the feast and thank our
Lord for his goodness to us.

Loving God,

You have created us to know you, to love you, and to serve you. You have given us our voice so that we can praise your holy name.

Thank you Lord, for the gifts you have given us, and for this time together this week to deepen our appreciation for the liturgy you have entrusted to your Church.

We ask you to bless our time together this evening, unite us in faith so that we may carry that solidarity back to our homes and home parishes.

Bless this food we are about to receive, even as we ask you Lord to bless and protect those who will not eat tonight.

We ask your blessing through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anthony of Padua, you who are God, forever and ever.

Amen.