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Partners and Orthopedic Specialty Institute,

I am thankful for having been called to this vocation, as I can think of no greater profession than being in the service of others.

It is hard for me to find the words to express the gratitude that I feel towards the people that I have worked with throughout my orthopedic career. I am thankful for having been chosen to be an instrument in the care of God's people for their maladies and anxieties. Being a physician is a privilege for which few are chosen. Those who respond to the call see a higher goal and a greater good in the service of others. For this reason they are able to sustain the many years of self-sacrifice, delayed gratification, long hours, and seemingly endless testing, both academically and personally.

I have been very fortunate throughout my life in being on very good teams. I started out fifth of twelve siblings, excellent team. Best lessons learned: loyalty, common good, cooperation, hard work, and perseverance; and always listen to and help your brother or sister.

Professionally I could not have asked for a better group of people, nor better trained group, nor better intentioned group than the men I have practice orthopedics with for my career. It has been an honor to be part of this orthopedic group.

To my patients who have blessed me, I thank you for your understanding and patience; you have provided me with purpose, and often times nourished me with great council.

There will always be challenges especially political and financial in front of physicians. We, however, are a steadfast group, and as long as our motivation is in the best treatment of our fellow man, these challenges will be overcome. Our science will sustain us. Our commitment to our fellow man will give us focus.

In order to pursue who I am going to be, I plan to stop practicing at the Orthopedic Specialty Institute by the end of December, 2018. I plan to continue my work at Cal State Fullerton University.

I thank you all.

Be well. Do well.

Miguel