

The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SCHOOLS & YOUNG PERSONS PROGRAMME



Encouraging children/ students from our catholic schools to participate in the life of the Church and its major occasions is a vital part of introducing them to Mary, Mother of Jesus, and reinforcing their individual relationship with God. Youth today should look at Mary and not only admire her but learn from her.

Our programme, which supports the pilgrimage visit of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, is coordinated and presented by Teresa Williams & Anne Reddin, trained teachers and Guardians of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This age-related programme, which can be tailored to meet the school's/ student group's individual needs, consists of a forty-minute session with time for individual/ group veneration of the Miraculous Relic Image.



Schools/ Young Persons Programme

Approximately 40 minutes

- Opening prayer
- Welcome/ introduction – Teresa, Anne
- We learn the Hymn to Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Illustrated talk on the story of the Guadalupe miracle
- Power point on the Relic Image, its history and significance
- Why we venerate this Miraculous Relic Image
- Group/ individual veneration
- Questions and Answers
- Conclusion
 - the Home Shrine
 - the Rosary as a powerful prayer



**Please bring or arrange a school/
class or student group on a
pilgrimage visit to the Miraculous
Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
while it is visiting your local cathedral
or catholic church.**

**Prayer cards are given to each
Student.**

**Where appropriate, worksheets are
supplied.**

**Full details of our work and the
Miraculous Relic Image can be found
at:**

www.relicourladyofguadalupe.co.uk

MESOAMERICA, THE NEW WORLD 1521

THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE AZTEC EMPIRE FALLS UNDER THE SPANISH FORCES. LESS THAN 20 YEARS LATER, 9 MILLION INHABITANTS OF THE LAND, WHO WERE FOR CENTURIES A POLYTHEISTIC AND HUMAN SACRIFICING RELIGION, ARE **CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY!**

What happened in those times that produced such an incredible and historically unprecedented conversion?

According to traditional accounts, during a walk from his home village to Mexico City on 9th December 1531, a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American, Juan Diego, at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City.

She identified herself as the ever Virgin, Holy Mary, and Mother of the True God. She made a request for a church to be built and asked Juan Diego to go and tell the local Bishop.



But the Bishop did not believe him and hesitated, then requested a sign. The Mother of God sent Juan Diego to the top of a hill. Even though it was winter and no flowers normally bloomed in the local countryside, he found Castilian roses, which were of the Bishop's native home, but not usually found in Tepeyac.

He gathered them, and Our Lady herself arranged them in his tilma (a peasant's cloak).

When Juan Diego presented the roses to the Bishop, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe miraculously appeared imprinted on the native's tilma.

Juan Diego's cloak was made of poor quality cactus cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay nearly 500 years later, and still defies all scientific explanation or origin of its design.

The image also depicts a detail from Apocalypse 12:

"And a great sign appeared in Heaven: A woman clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet."

(The moon is black under Our Lady's feet, not the usual silver; this is to signify her greater power than the local moon god the Indians of the region used to worship.)

The Virgin wears a black band at her waist, which symbolises pregnancy to the Aztecs.

In the year 1791, acid was accidentally spilled on the Image; during a period of 30 days, without any special treatment, the affected fabric miraculously re-constituted itself.

In 1921, a man concealed a high-power bomb in a flower arrangement, and placed it at the feet of the tilma. The explosion destroyed everything, except for the tilma, which remained intact.

During visits and events you will find free brochures, which explain many more wonders and facts about the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



For more information and help with your school/ class visit or arranging for the Miraculous Relic Image to visit an educational institution or youth event, please contact:

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