

Star of the New Evangelisation

Our Lady of Guadalupe has been called the Star of the New Evangelisation.

As a star led the Magi to Jesus, so does Our Lady lead us to her Son. As a star illuminates, so does Our Lady illuminate the truth of the Gospel.

Our Lady is calling us in so many ways:

Our Lady is obedient to God's Will and is calling on us to be so.

Our Lady is inviting us to pray for an increase in understanding and love within the world, to sustain and protect the sanctity of life, family and of traditional marriages.

In this Miraculous Image Our Lady is pregnant with the baby, Jesus, and is calling on us, urging us to uphold the Sacredness of Life from conception to a natural death as God wills.

It is understandable that the Church now recognises Our Lady as the Protectress of the Unborn.

Our Lady consoled the Saint Juan Diego, to whom she appeared in 1531, with the words, 'Am I not here, your mother?'

She wants you to know that she is here to listen to your joys and sorrows and to intercede for your most heartfelt intentions.

We encourage you to enter into this spiritual journey and to spend time in prayer and talking to Our Lady in front of the Miraculous Relic Image and in your hearts and homes.

The Home Shrine



Protectress of the Unborn

The Guardians of Our Lady of Guadalupe are a self-supporting group based at The Shrine in St Joseph's, Bedford, the home of the Miraculous Relic Image. With no grants or special funding we rely totally on the generosity of pilgrims to provide funds to allow us to carry out Our Mission of taking the Miraculous Relic Image on Pilgrimage.

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The Miraculous Relic Image

[Authorised Copy of the Original Tilma of St Juan]



Protectress of the Unborn

Here in this place, we are privileged to be in the presence of the Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We have been granted the opportunity to see and venerate the beautiful image which Our Lady herself bequeathed on the cloak of Juan Diego in 1531.



The purpose of the distribution of these Sacred Images is to help fulfil the prophecy of Saint John Paul II when visiting Guadalupe in 1979.

His exhortation proclaimed:

“The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be the centre from which the light of the gospel of Christ will illuminate the entire world by the means of distribution of the Miraculous Image of His mother.”

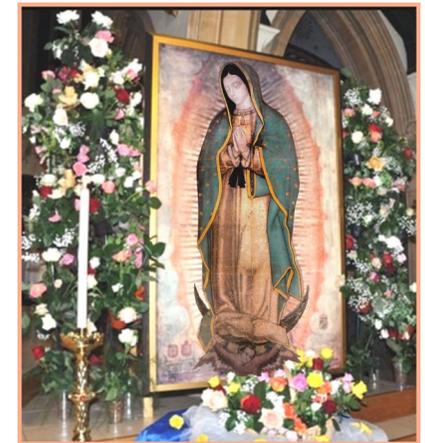
Worldwide Commission:

Saint John Paul II authorised the creation of 220 digital replicas of the original for worldwide distribution. These Images have been declared as Authorised Relics that will extend the graces of evangelisation, conversion and truth to nations, offering the same graces as extended in 1531.

These Miraculous Images are known within the Church as equal in graces to that of the original First Class Relic.

In 2009, at the invitation of the Pontifical Council for the Family, and Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico, Edmund Adamus, then Director of Pastoral Affairs, represented the Church in England and Wales at the Basilica of Guadalupe, and took custody of the full scale replica of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The National Pilgrimage Tour started in 2010, a historic year in which we witnessed the Papal Visit of Benedict XVI and the Beatification of the Venerable John Henry Cardinal Newman, who was a great witness to truth, right conscience and priestly virtues.



The Sacred Image has the official seal of Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of the Diocese of Mexico as an authorised digital reprint of the Sacred original. It also bears the signed statement of Monsignor Diego, the Rector of the Shrine of Guadalupe: “Touched to the Sacred original for the International Life and Mercy Crusade, May 8, 2004.”