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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Today is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, not for the Universal Church, but for all of Latin America, for certain dioceses in the United States, and, by special indult from Rome, for all foundations of the Congregation of Holy Cross in North America.

It was 431 years ago today, on December 12, 1531, that the Virgin Mother of God left the imprint of herself on the rough cloak of the Indian convert, Juan Diego. That image of Our Lady today hangs above the altar in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near Mexico City. After more than four hundred years, the colors have not faded, and scientific analysis of the portrait have left the examiners baffled.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is represented as the Immaculate Conception. She stands on the crescent moon with rays of gold surrounding the figure. Her cloak is the blue-green of the sea imprinted with stars of gold. Her dress is a delicate pink with a finely outlined print of a gold flower. Her face is oval and dark-skinned but without pronounced racial traits. The beauty and delicacy of the features and the modesty of the expression make it easy to believe that the face is actually that of Mary of Nazareth.

Pope Pius XII referred to Our Lady of Guadalupe as the "Empress of America" and placed under her patronage the integrity of the Faith on the entire American continent. It is for this reason that we should develop a special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and honor her in a particular way today.

In Your Charity

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Hribal's father whose body was among the last found in the mine in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. Please remember also the souls of the other miners, Larry and his family, and the other families struck by this tragedy.

Please pray also for Carol Kennedy, the student from St. Mary-of-the-Woods who was injured in the automobile accident on her way to Notre Dame last Friday evening. She is still in critical condition in St. Joseph's Hospital. She is the fiancée of Thomas Ricca, fifth year architecture student.

Pray also for the following. Deceased: grandmother of Wally Kissel of Dillon (anniversary - Dec. 19). Ill: father of Phil Donnelly of Fisher; brother of Sister Mary Benedict, S.C.N., Notre Dame Convent; uncle of Myron Busby, Off-Campus.

Cry of Anguish: "Disappeared from Student Center, a sociology notebook. Finder or borrower, please return to original location."