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Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, Pray for Us!

In 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a humble native of Mexico and requested that a shrine be built and dedicated to her on the Hill of Tepeyac. Juan Diego went to the bishop, but the bishop did not appear to believe him and asked for a sign from the Virgin. Juan returned to the place of the apparition where Our Lady again appeared. She told him to go to the top of the hill and gather flowers that he would find there. Although he knew that only cactus grew there, he obeyed and was rewarded by the sight of beautiful roses growing where she had told him they would be. He gathered them and showed them to Our Lady who rearranged them in his tilma (poncho).

Juan went to the bishop and when he opened his tilma, the flowers fell out but even more miraculously the beautiful image of the Lady of Guadalupe appeared on it. The image showed the Virgin Mother as a woman of mixed race. The black maternity band and slight swelling of her abdomen signified she was with child.

Prior to Our Lady's appearance, the Aztec peoples were practicing human sacrifice. As a result of the image's presence among the people, their hearts were converted to the true God and the practice of human sacrifice was abolished. Nearly 9 million Aztecs were converted to Christ.

In the United States, more than a million children are killed through abortion every year, and well over 50 million since 1973. We pray today for Our Lady of Guadalupe, "Patroness of the Unborn," to help bring to an end to the human sacrifice of God's children through abortion and to convert the non-believers, as she did with the Aztecs.

Please join us as we pray for Our Lady's intercession to change the hearts of people as we host the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch during the week of November 25 – December 1.