



 HOLY HEROES

33 Day Journey of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

DEVOTION

DAY 4

As Juan Diego passed Tepeyac Hill on Dec 9, 1531, on his usual route to Mass, someone called his name. He had to hike to the top of the hill to discover who had called.

Why did Mary not simply appear to Juan Diego on his usual route? Instead, by calling down to Juan Diego and patiently waiting for him to change his course and come to her, Our Lady reveals two important things: first, just like a mother, she knows him by name, and, second, she wants to speak personally with him, just like mothers enjoy speaking to their children.

Juan Diego was an ordinary Catholic—he was not a priest or a monk or an important official, but a poor man who wasn't even able to read! And yet, Mary knew him by name and called out to him. And his trip to the top of the hill to see her, to speak to her, turned out to be very much worth it!

Ponder when you pray

Mary wants to have a personal relationship with you. She called Juan Diego to come away from his usual walk to find her. Likewise, she knows you by name and is calling you to come find her.

Reflect on how Mary has called you by name to this 33-day Marian Consecration so that you can speak to her in your heart! This is all made possible by God—possible even now while we are on earth, and then forever when we join the Blessed Virgin and all the saints with God in Heaven.

PRAYER

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



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