

# St. Juan Diego relic on national tour

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WASHINGTON — After passing through eight dioceses, a small fragment of St. Juan Diego's tilma, or cloak, bearing a portion of the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe reached Washington Aug. 7.

Nearly 1,500 people flocked to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, where they stood in long lines waiting to venerate the relic.

At a shrine Mass Aug. 9, Washington Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick told the congregation that the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego was a clear sign of God's deep love for his people.

He said God chose St. Juan Diego, who was poor and had nothing, and showed him a great sign. Through St. Juan Diego, God also has given the faithful a message of love, the tilma, which still remains intact after almost 500 years, he said.

The image of Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe is believed to have been miraculously imprinted on the tilma after Mary appeared to St. Juan

Diego on Tepeyac Hill in present-day Mexico City in 1531.

The tilma itself is enshrined in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The tiny piece cut from it was given to the archbishop of Los Angeles by the archbishop of Mexico City more than 60 years ago.

The Tilma of Tepeyac Tour, sponsored by the Apostolate for Holy Relics and the Knights of Columbus, began in May and will make stops in 20 U.S. cities, ending in December at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

The relic's next stop was Baltimore, where some 1,200 people visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Aug. 10-11 to see and pray before the fragment of the tilma.

Scheduled to be in Detroit Aug. 14-15, the relic was unable to be flown there due to the Northeastern power blackout. Church officials are trying to reschedule the event for the fall.

Contributing to this story were Christopher Gaul and George P. Matysek Jr. in Baltimore.



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Members of the Missionaries of Charity and other Catholics watch as the relic of St. Juan Diego is brought by a procession into the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington Aug. 9.

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