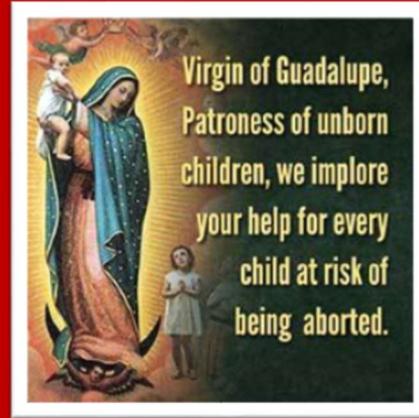


December-The Unborn Sanctity & Dignity of Life



This month's focus is the Nativity and the unborn. During the month of December, we celebrate the feast of St. Juan Diego and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. On December 9, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego and revealed to him that she was indeed the Mother of God, telling him of her desire to have a church built, where she might bestow all her love, mercy, help and protection. Part of the culture of the time in Mexico was sacrificing the blood of the innocents, and the Our Lady of Guadalupe image given to Juan Diego was Mary, as a pregnant mother. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Unborn. "She holds within her the unborn Christ, proclaiming the sanctity and blessedness of life within the womb. Her reverence and tenderness communicate to us the joy and awe with which we must approach each embryonic life."

<https://www.americaneedsfatima.org/articles/our-lady-of-guadalupe>

Pray:

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you
who are the protectress of unborn children
and ask that you intercede for us,
so that we may more firmly resolve to join you
in protecting all human life.

Let our prayers be united
to your perpetual motherly intercession
on behalf of those whose lives are threatened,

Be they in the womb of their mother,
on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years
of their life.

O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions
to your Son and ask Him to bless us with
abundant life.

- **Reflect:** Reflect on the Nativity. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Act:

- Dec 4th – 12th is the Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena for the Unborn
<https://www.americaneedsfatima.org/prayers/novena-to-our-lady-of-guadalupePray>
- Participants of the Spiritual Adoption which began March 25, 2021, this month your baby will be born.
- During this Advent season, pray, fast and give alms for the unborn. Consider donating diaper, formula, and wipes to Mary's Cradle.

You can make a difference!

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