

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Juan Diego was born in 1474 near what is now Mexico City.
- 2) Feast Day, December 9th.
- 3) Juan Diego saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. He heard a woman's voice calling him to the top of the hill. She was beautiful and was dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady (Mary) asked Juan to tell the bishop that she desired to have a church built in her honor on Tepeyac Hill.
- 4) Juan Diego found Castilian roses blooming in December. He carried them to the bishop in his cloak (tilma) and when he poured them out, a beautiful image of Mary appeared on his cloak. Also, Juan Diego's uncle was healed of a serious illness.
- 5) July 31, 2002 by Pope John Paul II

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Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Footsteps of American Saints



Juan Diego Activity Patch



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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the U.S. church calendar, some have the rank of “saint” and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of “blessed” and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of “venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot there; however their lives and work had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Juan Diego Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.catholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) When, and near which modern-day city was Juan Diego born?
- 2) When is Juan Diego's Feast Day?
- 3) One day on his way to daily Mass, Juan Diego saw and heard some unusual things. Describe them. What did the lady tell Juan Diego to ask the bishop?
- 4) Describe the different miraculous events that eventually helped the bishop to believe Juan Diego's message.
- 5) When was Juan Diego canonized (declared a saint) and by which pope?

Activities:

- 1) Imitate Juan Diego by making a shrine for Our Lady. Draw a picture of her image that appeared on Juan Diego's cloak. Hang the picture on the wall or place it in a frame on a table.
- 2) Make "Castilian roses" for your shrine out of pink tissue paper (you can find easy directions on line) and place them in a vase near Mary's picture.
- 3) Together with your family, pray the rosary by the shrine you have made.
- 4) Tell a friend or relative, who does not know about Our Lady of Guadalupe, the story of her appearance to Juan Diego and show them the shrine you made for her.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm his accuracy and to insure his understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form for this American Saint Activity and send it along with the fee to NCCS.

For more information about this saint, check out the websites below.

- www.Catholic.org
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.newadvent.org
- www.sancta.org