

## PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN at the Basilica of Guadalupe

*Mr. Truman ascended the stairs leading to Our Lady of Guadalupe, centered his attention on the heavenly canvas of Juan Diego and for more than ten minutes gazed at the revered image from which he seemed unable to turn his eyes away.*

“I could not have departed from Mexico,” he said later, “without having realized my desire to admire this image devoutly venerated not only by the Catholics of Mexico and of Latin America, but also by the Catholics of my country and of Canada. What an admirable image! How it impresses, captivates and envelops one in its effluence is impossible to describe! As I admired it, I understood the faith and veneration tendered to it and why it could lead the Mexicans to triumph and resignation in reverses and calamities. A Virgin so beautiful may well be proud of having a people worthy of her.”

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**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
Empress of the Americas

*This painting was executed by angels from heaven  
on the morning of December 12, 1531.*