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Saint Juan Diego Relic Comes To Utah

Nov. 6, 2003

A tiny piece of cloth that Catholics believe is a holy relic from Saint Juan Diego has come to Utah. Religion Specialist Carole Mikita joins us now live from the Cathedral of the Madeleine with more.

The relic is called 'The Tilma of Tepeyac', it is traveling through the United States, now to Utah. Last night it was at the pastoral center next to the Cathedral. Then this morning it arrived in Draper, accompanied by the Knights of Columbus. The Tilma is a half-inch square piece of cloth, encased in gold. It is believed to have come from the cloak of now St. Juan Diego, a peasant, who says the Virgin Mary appeared to him on Dec. 9th, 1531 on Mount Tepeyac outside Mexico City. Some 1700 students gathered to participated in a very special ceremony.

Claudia Lopez/ Juan Diego High School: "THIS MEANS A LOT TO ME TODAY 'CAUSE I HAVE FAMILY THAT'S IN MEXICO CITY, AND I'VE BEEN THERE AND I'VE SEEN HER AND HAVE PICTURES. TO ACTUALLY HAVE A PIECE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES IS ACTUALLY VERY EXCITING."

Julianna Cisneros/ Juan Diego High School: "MY FAMILY'S FROM MEXICO AS WELL BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE FOR LIKE A LONG TIME, SO AND THIS LIKE A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY THAT THIS IS HERE AND I'M REALLY EXCITED."

Juan Diego High School students joined Bishop Niederauer for a celebration of mass at the school. The Tilma is now in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel on campus and is available for the public to see. For information about the hours there's a link on our website.

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