

New Documentary on Our Lady of Guadalupe to Air on ABC this Fall

A new documentary film narrated by the actor who played Jesus in “The Passion of the Christ” will explore the mysterious image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and air on ABC this fall, according to the Knights of Columbus that produced the film.

Jim Caviezel, also star of “Person of Interest” on CBS and a Catholic, narrates the K of C-produced film [“Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message,”](#) which looks into the details, story and impact of the 16th-century image that appeared on the tilma (cloak) of an indigenous convert named Juan Diego, who received a series of visions of the Virgin Mary over four days in 1531.

The indigenous people, as the tradition goes, were amazed how the image spoke to them about the Christian faith through native symbols — a codex — that they could understand. Symbolic elements of the image communicated to the locals that the woman was pregnant and was a virgin, for example.

Historians agree that the image helped convert millions to the Catholic faith in the New World. According to the release, ABC will show the documentary as part of its Visions and Values Series sometime between Sunday and Dec. 10.

“The message of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped to build bridges between cultures and worlds and began the transformation of our continent into a Christian continent of hope,” said Carl Anderson, CEO of the New Haven-based Knights and executive producer of the film. “The apparition helped to unite the entire continent in a way that didn’t exist before. Through her intercession, then and now, those throughout this hemisphere have found a deep and shared sense of faith, hope and identity.”

For more information, see www.guadalupethefilm.com.