

Hispanic HERITAGE MONTH

Activity Guide:

MARIAN DEVOTIONS IN LATIN AMERICAN CULTURES

A PROJECT TO CELEBRATE FAITH, CULTURE AND HERITAGE DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Purpose: A fun activity for teachers to use with their students and learn how Latin American cultures honor the Virgin Mary, discovering stories of faith, tradition and love for Nuestra Madre.

Step 1: Choose a Marian Devotion

Select one devotion from this list (or ask your teacher for one):

- Our Lady of Guadalupe – Mexico
- Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre – Cuba
- Our Lady of Aparecida – Brazil
- Our Lady of Luján – Argentina
- Our Lady of Coromoto – Venezuela
- Our Lady of Altagracia – Dominican Republic
- Our Lady of Divine Providence – Puerto Rico
- Our Lady of Peace – El Salvador

Step 2: Research Questions

Answer these questions about your Marian devotion:

- What's the story or miracle behind it?
- What symbols or images are used?
- When is the feast day?
- How do people celebrate it?
- Why is this devotion important to the culture today?

Step 3: Create & Share

Show what you learned with a:

- Poster or tri-fold display
- Google Slides or Canva presentation
- Prayer card design
- Personal reflection essay
- Skit or story retelling

Bonus: Add a song, prayer or cultural tradition to your presentation!

Step 4: Reflection & Prayer

End by praying together or writing a reflection:

- Pray a Hail Mary in Spanish
- Write a prayer asking Mary to bless your school community

