

## A Reflection to Aid in preparing to Preach in Honor of Montesinos

Fr. Antonio Montesinos, OP, preached to sinners. His love for them overcame fears of reprisal and rejection. The preaching needed today is the GOOD NEWS of global evangelization carried throughout the USA by Mexican-American Catholics. Their tradition of inclusion, taught by Our Lady of Guadalupe 20 years after Montesinos' challenge, bridges the rivers of discomfort, distrust, fear, and hatred that have deluged most of Anglo-USA. Their willingness to "become Mestizo" in family life and religious practice has enriched their praise of God and strengthened community life.

Today's Dominican preacher faces centuries of the unjust tradition of racism, the consistent renewal of behaviors of intolerance, the deep-seated spirits of self-righteous superiority and of slothful neglect of immigrants. People hearing any of these sins identified clearly and unmistakably may revolt! Or they may find another victim as in the 1500s! Or they may renew the Church! And with it the whole world!

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