

South America. Versions of this statue found in many parts of S. America. Information online (translator used).

**It is venerated in:** Carretera San Pablo No. 685 Col. La Cañada, Santiago Tepalcatlalpan 16310 Xochimilco, Mexico, DF Tel : 2156-3402

**What tradition tells us about the Holy Child Jesus 'de los Suertes'** "In the early years of the nineteenth century, in 1806, two missionary priests went to Tlalpan and in the vicinity heard the cry of a child. Not knowing where it might come from, because they were in a deserted place, they determined to approach the place where the moans came from and they saw a beautiful boy, naked, a few months old, and taking it in their hands, they noticed that the image was converted into what it is today. At the same time, it is said, there arose a spring of water that since then is called the eye of the Child and that still exists in what was the estate of San Juan de Dios, today a seminary of the Salesian Fathers.



The priests, seeing that the Holy Child was truly a wonder, being united to a skull that serves as a pillow, returned to the city to present it to the Lord Archbishop, who was then Don Francisco de Lizana Beaumont, who, upon receiving it with great devotion, remained static and exclaimed: "O mercy of God! In how many ways you show yourself to men and how great is your goodness: put the divine nature with the human, the Creator with the creature and through Grace has overcome sin.

The first thought that was the Archbishop was to donate this to the nuns of the Monastery of the Immaculate Conception, but having consulted with the council, agreed to lie down on **luck** (hence its name of "lots"), and God himself chose which convent everyone in the city wanted to go to. The raffle was made and the Monastery of San Bernardo was fortunate. The Archbishop ordered that the raffle be repeated and again the name of St. Bernard came out. As the Prelate knew the extreme poverty of the nuns of this community, (and for this reason he thought to gather them in some other community where they provided with less work sustenance), determined that the ballot that contained the Name of St. Bernard. But for the third time and in a prodigious way came the name of Saint Bernard with gold letters. And seeing how God had chosen the Monastery where his dwelling would be, the Archbishop did not hesitate to send the nuns such a prodigious image.

The Conceptionist nuns of San Bernardo received this Treasure as a gift from Heaven and filled with gratitude they have tried to support their cult with the greatest commitment to this day. This is what is said and is known of this portentous Child, called of the Suertes and the testimony of his devotees is credited every day more. And from the moment that the Holy Child Jesus entered the Community, Happiness entered it. " **Let us come with confidence to implore from His merciful Heart the love and remedy of our needs!**

### **The Meaning of the Skull:**

As has been explained, the Holy Child Jesus appeared in the way that today is venerated. We believe in the Resurrection of Christ; we know that He died and rose for us and we also hope to be resurrected with Him and to share in His divine life. That is why we should not fear anyone or anything, not even death because nothing has dominion or power over Him. The skull that he has under his hands, and is in which he lies, represents humanity that has not yet Attained to the fullness of eternal glory, and who sojourn in this world with the heart set on God. That is why the hands of the Divine Child are upon her, as if protecting her and resting peacefully, giving us to understand that we should fear nothing because he is there, with us, filling us with peace and love.

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