

# Mexican Independence



- Don Miguel helped the Indians of Dolores.
- The mestizos of Dolores marched toward Guanajuato and captured the city.
- The small army then moved toward Mexico City.
- An American ambassador traveled from Washington D.C. to Mexico City.

## NEW WORDS!

**El Grito de Dolores** - The Cry of Dolores.

**Defrock** - a church authority declares that a priest isn't a priest any longer.

**Junta** - a group of army officers.

**The Order of San Fernando** - a medal given to soldiers who had been brave and loyal.

**Arbitrary** - Based on or subject to individual discretion or preference or sometimes impulse or caprice.

Don Miguel gave his speech, "El Grito de Dolores", at this church. With this speech, the rebellion of New Spain had begun.



