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'Relics of the Passion' touring schools, parishes, prison



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The Relics of the Passion began its tour today on Guam, featuring eight holy artifacts. The items are believed to have touched the body of Jesus Christ. Tom Serifin, with the Apostolics for Holy Relics out of Los Angeles, California, has been designated to lead the tours. "We're going to be going to schools, parishes, and the Department of Corrections. We're making the relics available for education purposes and public veneration by the faithful," he explained.

The relics include the True Cross, the Crown of Thorns and the Burial Shroud. These items all small portions of things Christ used or were used when he went through his life, death and resurrection. Serifin says the island community is encouraged to visit the relics, saying, "There is a tangible thread that connects heaven to earth and that would be through the uses like sacramental relics. We can sit and pray and realize that the nails we saw are the ones are similar to that were driven through the hands of Christ and that our live is of suffering and sorrow. We have to persevere through holiness to live a life similar to Christ and that others have done it before us through the communion of saints."

The relics will be on display tomorrow during Sunday masses at the Agana Cathedral Basilica.

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