



Martyrs Bones Available for Veneration.

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Relics of seven of the 117 Martyrs of Vietnam are available for private or public veneration.

In 1988, our Holy Father Pope John Paul II canonized 117 Vietnamese martyrs, but they represent only a portion of the thousands of Vietnamese men and women and children, who have given their lives for believing in Jesus Christ, and for belonging to His Holy Church.

In the almost five hundred years that the Christian Faith has existed in Viet Nam, hardly a decade has gone by, without persecution of the Faithful. In early times, the missionaries worked tirelessly to plant the Faith - they were opposed by Buddhist clerics, by family chieftains, by kings and emperors, by the socialists and communists. Yet since the Word first came to Viet Nam, against all odds, the Faithful have gathered to celebrate Mass, to listen to the Gospel, and to dedicate their families and their lives to living the example given us by Jesus Christ.

The relics are bone fragments of: Pierre François Néron, Andrew Trong Van Tran, François Jaccard, Pierre Dumoulin-Borie, Lawrence Imbert, James Nam, and St. Bernard Due.

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