



Dust News

As an update since the last newsletter, none of the orphans, Sisters, or volunteers have had COVID-19. The orphanage has been isolated since January with no visitors allowed and will continue to isolate. The children still will not attend outside school for the foreseeable future either. We pray you are healthy and safe too!

The Blessed Mother and praying the Rosary daily is very important in Vietnamese Catholic Culture. The orphanage has several statues of Mary located throughout the orphanage.

On Saturday, August 15, 2020, on the Feast of the Assumption, please join us and the orphans, Sisters, volunteers, and orphan graduates in praying the Rosary for the protection of the orphanage, orphans, Sisters volunteers, and orphanage graduates as well as for a vaccine for the coronavirus, and peace in the world.

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The Blessed Mother and Jesus in the oldest building



The Blessed Mother in the Chapel in the newest building



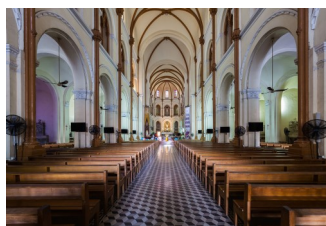
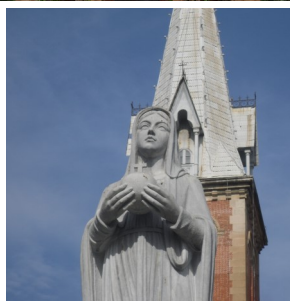
The Blessed Mother at the entrance in the newest building

There are many ways to support us!

Please keep the orphanage in your daily prayers.

Please remember us in your Will; consider listing us in lieu of flowers in your funeral planning; list us as a beneficiary on your retirement account.

Historical Snippet



Vietnam was a colony under French imperial rule from when French Indochina was formed in 1887 until Vietnam's independence after the First Indochina War in 1954. During France's rule over the Vietnamese, numerous beautiful churches were constructed that remain in Vietnam today as popular tourist destinations, as well as sites of worship for millions of Vietnamese Catholics. The Catholic Church estimates that there are 5.6 million Catholics in Vietnam, accounting for 6.9% of the total population, although the actual number could be millions more.

Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon was constructed between 1863 and 1880 by the French colonists. All the original building materials were imported from France. In 1959, Bishop Joseph Pham Van Thien, whose jurisdiction included Saigon parish, attended the Marian Congress held in Vatican and ordered a statue of Our Lady of Peace made with granite in Rome. When the statue arrived in Saigon on 16 February 1959, Bishop Pham Van Thien held a ceremony to install the statue on the empty base and presented the title of "Regina Pacis". The next day, Cardinal Agagianian came from Rome to chair the closing ceremony of the Marian Congress and solemnly chaired the ceremony for the statue, thus the cathedral was then-on called Notre-Dame Cathedral.

On October 29, 2005, witnesses claim to have seen a single tear streak down the right side of the Virgin Mary statue. Thousands of local Vietnamese Catholics subsequently swarmed the city center to catch a glimpse of the miracle, causing such severe traffic that the police had to redirect the standstill and maintain order. Hundreds of umbrellas dotted the area around the church as worshipers protected themselves from the midday scorching sun, and at night the statue was the center of a candlelit shrine. The Church has not recognized the miracle. But hopefully someday they will.

Diedre visited Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica (officially Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of The Immaculate Conception) in 2014 and again in 2017. It stands in the financial district of Ho Chi Minh City and has an English Mass on Sunday morning for tourists.



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"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked you clothed me, ill and you cared for me."
Matthew 25: 35-36.

Our website is being revised and is coming soon!
www.childrenofthedust.org

