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POPE'S INTENTION

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Chúng ta cầu xin Chúa, để lòng can đảm và nhiệt huyết truyền giáo của các Đấng tận Tử đạo ở khắp nơi trên thế giới truyền sang cho Giáo hội.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Resources to check out this month:

- Commission for New Martyrs
- Early Christian Martyrs
- VIDEO: A Martyr of the Faith
bs. Victim of Circumstance

DAMAS 25 & 26

Location: Holy Cross Camp
108 Cape Street Goshen, MA
01032

Time: June 6th @ 1:00 PM to
June 9th @ 2:00 PM

Fee: \$100.00 per person paid
before/on March 24th, 2024
\$110.00 per person paid after
March 24th, 2024

Deadline: March 31st

Damas 25



Damas 26





21ST CENTURY MARTYRS SHOW THAT FAITH IS STRONG ... AND WILL KEEP GROWING

TOM HOOPES

I saved the strongest sign of hope for last: The martyrs.

I have been sharing signs of hope at Aleteia for weeks now after I was struck by Bishop Robert Barron's YouTube video "4 Ways to Grow the Church." He asked for every Catholic to invite someone to Mass this year, saying he was tired of watching the Church shrink and it was time to start helping it grow.

If we think Christianity is a weak, dying reality, we are absolutely wrong, as I've tried to show. But the absolute strongest sign of this is the witness of martyrs.

Pope Francis often explains why the martyrs are a sign of hope — and that, sad as it may be, we have more hope than ever.

"There are more martyrs today than there were at the beginning of the life of the Church," he recalled in his September 25, 2019, General Audience. "Martyrs are everywhere."

Citing the Church Father Tertullian, he said "The blood of Christians is seed, and ensures the growth and fruitfulness of the People of God."

This is a mystical reality — the sacrifice of the martyrs calls down grace which benefits the Church. But it is also true in very practical ways. Not only does the witness of martyrs convince non-believers and inspire believers, but the persecution of Christians causes the faith's most ardent believers to leave their homes and spread their faith worldwide.

Reflect for a second on two statistics shared by Aleteia in the last few weeks: In Nigeria, 94% of self-identified Catholics surveyed said they attend weekly or daily Mass.

And:

89% of Christians killed throughout the world are located in Nigeria.

Let that sink in.

Earlier this month, Pope Francis drew attention to the terrible atrocities in African nations.

Pope Francis on his visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo heard horrifying stories of persecution there — and astonishing examples of what it means to “love your enemy.”

But that is just the tip of the iceberg. In an eight-month period last year, there were nearly 200 attacks on Christian communities in northern Nigeria alone, according to the new “Nigerian Atrocities Documentation Project.” Thousands have been displaced — including 18 cases in which priests were kidnapped — and hundreds of Christians were killed, including four priests.

That number doesn’t include Father Isaac Achi, who was shot dead on January 15 by terrorists shouting “Allahu Akbar!” according to a priest who reports frequently from Nigeria. After gunmen broke into the parish, Father Achi and another priest prayed together and gave each other the sacrament of confession.

Middle Eastern and Asian nations were also the site of many martyrdoms throughout the 21st century.

The stories about Iraqi priest Father Ragheed Ganni, killed in 2007, are frightening and inspiring. Once when he was giving First Communion to children in the basement of his church, gunfire erupted outside. Father Ganni calmly told the terrified children that fireworks were celebrating their big day.

At a Eucharistic Congress in Italy before he died, he said, “When I hold the Host in my hands, it is really he who is holding me and all of us, challenging the terrorists and keeping us united in his boundless love.”

Violence has too often been part of Eucharistic life in the Middle East. In 2010, there was the Baghdad massacre of Christians, where dozens were killed for going to Church. In 2015, Servant of God Akash Bashir gave his life preventing a similar massacre when he stopped a suicide bomber in Lahore, Pakistan.

There were 45 children among those killed in Sri Lankan Church bombings in 2019, including brother and sister Sharon Stephen Santhakumar and Sarah Epzhibah Santhakumar, pictured here.

These stories are at the same time crushingly sad and transformed by faith, hope, and love.

The martyrs come from all over the world but share in common their beautiful witness to Jesus Christ.

- Columbian Archbishop Isaías Duarte Cancino was assassinated in 2002 after praying for the gift of abandonment to God.
- Italian Consolata Missionary Sister Leonella Sgorbati was killed in 2006 by Islamicists in Mogadishu, Somalia, where she had dedicated her life to serving the poor. Her last words were “I forgive, I forgive, I forgive.”
- French priest Father Jacques Hamel was killed in 2016 in a Rouen, France, suburb while saying Mass.
- Missionaries of Charity from far and wide were killed in Yemen in 2016 after praying “Teach me, Lord, to be Generous.”

But the iconic 21st-century martyrdom might be the 21 Coptic Christians beheaded on video by ISIS in Libya in 2015. They were migrant workers from a particular Egyptian village and were very poor. Journalists recorded their families’ beautiful witness. There was one man killed with them, though, who tells the story of martyrdom in the 21st century.

His name was Mathew Ayairga, a Black man from Chad. He was reportedly not a Christian, and yet, when he was asked “Do you reject Christ?” He indicated the beheaded men around him and said “Their God is my God,” and so he was killed, too. His story is the story of what happens when martyrs witness to Christ. Their faith attracts others. We all need to repeat his words again and again: “Their God is my God.” Their faith is my faith; their hope is my hope. And that hope is strong.

TOM HOOPES

Tom Hoopes, author of *The Rosary of Saint John Paul II* and *The Fatima Family Handbook*, is writer in residence at Benedictine College in Kansas and hosts *The Extraordinary Story* podcast about the life of Christ. A former reporter in the Washington, D.C., area, he served as press secretary of the U.S. House Ways & Means Committee Chairman and spent 10 years as executive editor of the *National Catholic Register* newspaper and *Faith & Family* magazine. His work frequently appears in Catholic publications such as *Aleteia.org* and the *Register*. He and his wife, April, have nine children and live in Atchison, Kansas.



TET CELEBRATIONS FROM EACH CHAPTER

Around the Diocese

Eucharistic Adoration
Around the Diocese

THIS WEEK
SAT., FEB. 17 - FRI., FEB. 23

UPCOMING

LUNAR NEW YEAR

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

CARE for THOSE WHO HAVE CARED for YOU!

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
Support Our Retired Priests

Please help support our retired priests with this special collection.

When a priest goes to rest, he needs a loving community to care for him. The Diocese of Worcester is proud to support the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Worcester by caring for the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Worcester. We are proud to support the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Worcester by caring for the needs of the faithful in the Diocese of Worcester.














2024 LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CAMPAIGN

NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____

All are invited to join us on 40-day spiritual journey this Lent as we unite to fast, pray and give alms as our offering to Jesus. This calendar offers suggested daily activities to keep your heart focused on the spirit of the Lenten season.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
 <h2>FEBRUARY</h2> <p><i>Lenten Spiritual Bouquet</i></p>			14 Ash Wednesday Fast, pray and offer this Lenten season to God by attending Mass to receive ashes.	15 Choose something to offer to God whether it be giving something up or doing something extra.	16 Stations of the Cross at 9PM EST with <i>Liên Đoàn Ra Khơi & Liên Đoàn Joan d'Arc</i> https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis	17 Before TNTT, gather friends to go and say hi to Jesus in the Eucharist at your church.
18 1st Sunday of Lent Read and reflect on the Temptation of Jesus. <i>Mark 1:12-15</i>	19 Fast from playing video/computer/phone games to spend time with your family instead.	20 Go through your clothes and donate to charity what you no longer wear.	21 Pray the Divine Praises in the morning. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the prayer)	22 Refrain from using your headphones for the day and be present instead.	23 Stations of the Cross at 9PM EST with <i>Liên Đoàn Sinai & Liên Đoàn Gioan Phaolô II</i> https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis	24 Before TNTT, gather friends to pray 10 Hail Mary's, reflecting on the 4th Luminous Mystery. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the mystery)
25 2nd Sunday of Lent Read and reflect on the Transfiguration of Jesus. <i>Mark 9:2-10</i>	26 Make a list of 10 things you are grateful for in your life, and write "God is good!" after each one.	27 Refrain from social media to spend time with your siblings and family.	28 Starting today, make a commitment to refrain from buying things that you don't need.	29 Before bedtime tonight, reflect on your day and notice where God was present.	<h2>40 DAYS OF LENT</h2> 	
<h2>MARCH</h2>  <h3>Virtual Stations of the Cross</h3> <p>Every Friday at 9 PM EST</p> <p>https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis</p> 					1 Stations of the Cross at 9PM EST with <i>Liên Đoàn Thánh Gia & Liên Đoàn Đức Mẹ Mân Côi</i> https://url.veyam.net/	2 Gather your friends and pray 10 Hail Marys for the souls in purgatory.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
3 3rd Sunday of Lent Read and reflect on Jesus Cleansing the Temple. <i>John 2:13-25</i>	4 As a family, pray for the sick and poor. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the prayer)	5 Visit/call your grandparents or the elderly.	6 Pause & Reflect Visit Jesus at Eucharistic Adoration to reflect on your Lenten Journey so far.	7 Watch an episode of Wonders of the Mass & reflect on how it's related to you significantly.	8 Stations of the Cross at 9PM EST with <i>Liên Đoàn Inhaxiô Loyola & Liên Đoàn San Diego</i> https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis	9 Read and reflect on Jesus justified the repentant tax collector. <i>Luke 18:9-14</i>
10 4th Sunday of Lent Read and reflect on how Jesus raised Lazarus out of the death. <i>John 11:1-45</i>	11 Visit Jesus in the Eucharist at a church if you can. Spend time examining your conscience. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the prayer)	12 Pray a Prayer for Vocations. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the prayer)	13 Put money (any amount) into a donation jar and add a little each day for the rest of the Lent season.	 <h3>Wonders of the Mass series</h3> 		
 <h3>Virtual Stations of the Cross</h3> <p>Every Friday at 9 pm EST</p> <p>https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis</p> 				14 Invite your family to add to your donation jar, and together with them	15 Stations of the Cross at 9PM EST with <i>Liên Đoàn Nguồn Sống & Liên Đoàn Phaolô Hạnh</i> https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis	16 Pray for all mothers, expectant mothers and those who desire to be mothers.
17 5th Sunday of Lent Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation today if you can, or mark your calendar to go on another day.	18 Pray the Petition for St. Joseph's Blessing. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the prayer)	19 Solemnity of St. Joseph Visit url.veyam.net/lent for project ideas you can do to celebrate St. Joseph	20 Refrain from watching YouTube and TV for the day and find time to sit in silence for 15 minutes.	21 With someone else, pray the Prayer for the Unborn, asking God to protect life. (visit url.veyam.net/lent for the prayer)	22 Stations of the Cross at 9PM EST with <i>Liên Đoàn Đaminh Saviô & Liên Đoàn Biển Đức</i> https://url.veyam.net/ViaCrucis	23 Refrain from the internet and spend time with your parents.
24 Palm Sunday Read and reflect on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. <i>Mark 14:1-15:47</i>	25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Pray for those who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.	26 Attend Mass or receive Spiritual Communion. Bring your donation jar to offer to your church (or bring it to Mass the next time you can attend.)	27 Take a walk outside to be with nature and praise God for His creation.	28 Holy Thursday Take time to reflect on His love in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Praise God for journeying with you on this Lenten season.	 <h2>2024 LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CAMPAIGN</h2>	



LIÊN ĐOÀN PHAOLÔ HẠNH 37TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING RAFFLE TICKET



HELP SUPPORT FOR A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES! \$5 RAFFLE TICKET

GIẢI NHẤT/1ST PRIZE
APPLE IPAD
(\$500 VALUE)

GIẢI NHÌ/2ND PRIZE
APPLE WATCH
(\$250 VALUE)

GIẢI BA/3RD PRIZE
APPLE TV
(\$150 VALUE)

****VÀ NHIỀU GIẢI AN ỦI
KHÁC (AND VARIOUS
CONSOLATION PRIZES)**



XỔ SỐ VÀO NGÀY KỶ NIỆM 37 NĂM THÀNH LẬP LDPH (THÁNG 5, 2024)



PHONG TRÀO THIẾU NHI THÁNH THỂ VIỆT NAM TẠI HOA KỲ
VIETNAMESE EUCHARISTIC YOUTH MOVEMENT IN THE U.S.A.
LIÊN ĐOÀN THÁNH PHAOLÔ HẠNH – ST. PAUL HANH LEAGUE OF CHAPTERS



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ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

To: **Chapter Chaplains, Assistant Chaplains (Religious and Lay), and all Chapter's Executive Officers**
Concern: **LDPH Raffle Ticket Fundraiser**

The St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters' Executive Committee extends our warmest greetings in the love of Christ to all Chaplains, Chaplain Assistants (religious and lay), Chapters' Executive Committees, and Youth Leaders of all levels.

In this coming year, per the requests of our chapters, our league of chapters will be hosting a number of events. This encompasses: our annual youth leader retreat, youth leaders training level 1 and 2, league of chapters convention (summer camp for all chapter youth members), and more. All these events involve a substantial amount to finance and support from all chapters and its members.

To meet the requests of our chapters to host these events, the league will need to increase our financial capabilities. To do so, the league of chapters' executive committee decided, with the approval of our chaplain, to have this raffle ticket fundraiser to help fund these upcoming events and for our future. We ask that all chapters will help support us by selling these raffles at your respective parishes. We ask that all Chaplains of our respective chapters support our initiative by granting permission of your chapter to sell at your respective parishes. Details of our raffle ticket fundraiser are as follows:

- **Time:** From Friday the 1st of March to Sunday the 26th of May 2024
- **Raffle:** Each chapter will help to sell at least 200 tickets at \$5 each at your local parish/community (If your chapter would like to sell more, please reach out to Tr. Phong)
- **Prizes:**
1st Prize – Apple iPad (\$500 Value)
2nd Prize – Apple Watch (\$250 Value)
3rd Prize – Apple TV (\$125 Value)
And many other consolation prizes
- **Drawing:** On the feast day of our League of Chapters, May 26th, 2024 at 6PM online live stream via the League's Facebook profile
- **Contact:** **Tr. Giuse Hoang Phong** – ph086@yahoo.com

Once again, we ask for your help to encourage your members especially your youth leaders to help support by selling these raffle tickets, so that the league can host these events, bring our members closer to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and be transformed. The St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters Executive Committee expresses our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your continued support and help.

May Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through the intercession of Mary and Saint Joseph bless you always.

Attested,

In the love of Jesus Christ, the Eucharist,
Written in Boston, MA on February 25th, 2024

LM **Phêrô Đặng Đình Hà**
Chaplain of St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters

Tr. **Maria Lê Thị Phước**
President of St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters



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ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER

To: **Chapter Chaplains, Assistant Chaplains (Religious and Lay), and all Chapter's Executive Officers**
Concern: **Eucharistic Youth Leader Training Camps Levels I & II Knights of the Eucharist, Damas 25 (ID: CI 0275) & Damas 26 (ID: 2H 026)**

The St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters' Executive Committee extends our warmest greetings in the love of Christ to all Chaplains, Chaplain Assistants (clergy and lay), Youth Leader Trainers, Chapters' Executive Committees, and Youth Leaders of all levels.

In response to the needs of all Chapters regarding the development and training of Eucharistic Youth Leaders, with the approval of the St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters' Chaplain and the National Academic Committee, we hereby announce the following regarding Damas 25 & 26, Eucharistic Youth Leader Training Camps Levels I and II Knights of the Eucharist:

- **Location:** Holy Cross Camp • 108 Cape Street, Goshen, MA 01032
Nearest airport code for LDPH transportation services: BDL
- **Time:** From 1 pm Thursday the 6th of June to 2 pm Sunday the 9th of June 2024
- **Registration Criteria:**
 - I. Level I:**
 1. 18 years old
 2. Currently active within their local Chapter
 3. Has recommendation from the Chapter's Chaplain and Executive Committee
 4. Has at least over 3 months preparation for training camp
 5. *** All camp participants must have a valid membership ID number and their Chapter is current with annual membership dues. ***
 - II. Level II Knight of the Eucharist:**
 1. 20 years old and is certified as a Youth Leader Level I for at least 3 months
 2. Currently active within their local Chapter
 3. Has recommendation from the Chapter's Chaplain and Executive Committee
 4. Has at least over 3 months of preparation for training camp
 5. *** All camp participants must have a valid membership ID number and their Chapter is current with annual membership dues. ***
- **Fees:** \$100.00 per person paid before/on March 24th, 2024 (Online [Level I](#) / [Level II KoE](#))
\$110.00 per person paid after March 24th, 2024 (Online [Level I](#) / [Level II KoE](#))
**** All registration will be online and available on January 14th, 2024 ****
- **Deadline:** The deadline to submit the application is March 31st, 2024
- **Contact:** Tr. Bao Hanh Tran – bhtran88@gmail.com

Once the application is received, the Academic Affairs Group will send information regarding the Pre-Camp Assignment as well as details regarding the preparations for camp. The new training requirements indicate that we are allowed from 18 to 50 participants per camp. Therefore, when the number of applications received exceeds that limit, applicants will be placed on a waiting list. For the good of the VEYM, the St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters' Executive Committee encourages all Chaplains and responsible Youth Leaders to motivate their members to get their application in early and provide opportunities for Youth Leaders to participate. In our league, we were not able to host a training due to low registrations. Most importantly, please pray for the success of these training camps Damas 25 and 26, Eucharistic Youth Leader Levels I and II Knights of the Eucharist

May Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through the intercession of Mary and Saint Joseph bless you always.

Attested,

In the love of Jesus Christ, the Eucharist,
Written in Boston, MA on January 1st, 2024

LM Phêrô Đặng Đình Hà
Chaplain of St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters

Tr. Maria Lê Thị Phước
President of St. Paul Hanh League of Chapters



Đại Hội Về Đất Hứa VII

PRESIDENT'S DAY SPECIAL: Early Bird Extention

Registration Fee: [*VEYM Registered Members]

Early Bird | \$225 by ~~Feb 17th, 2024~~ → **March 2nd**

Regular Registration | \$275 by May 9th, 2024

Late Registration | \$325 by July 9th, 2024

Registration Fee: [*VEYM Guests]

Early Bird | \$275 by ~~Feb 17th, 2024~~ → **March 2nd**

Regular Registration | \$325 by May 9th, 2024

Late Registration | \$375 by July 9th, 2024

**Registration includes lodging, meals, and activities!*

**Please see Memorandum for VEYM Members/Guests Eligibility.*

**Absolute deadline to register is July 9th, 2024.*



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TO REGISTER: <https://vdh7.veym.net/>
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: <https://vdh7.veym.net/>
QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: Email vdh@veym.net



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