



# OMI General Postulation - Laos

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### **The 17 Martyrs of Laos:**

- Fr Joseph Tien. 1
- Fr Jean-Baptiste Malo. 2
- Fr. René Dubroux. 3
- Catec. Paul Thoj Xyooj. 4
- Fr Mario Borzaga. 5
- Fr Louis Leroy. 6
- Fr Michel Coquelet. 7
- Catec. Joseph Outhay. 8
- Fr Noël Tenaud. 9
- Fr Vincent L'Hénoret. 10
- Fr Marcel Denis. 11
- Fr Jean Wauthier. 12
- Thomas khampheuane. 13
- Fr Lucien Galan. 14
- Fr Joseph Boissel. 15
- Catec. Luc Sy. 16
- Maisam Pho Inpèng. 17

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**“If you kill him, you  
kill me too...”**

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**« Restez en tenue de  
travail et gardez vos  
lampes allumées »**  
*(Luc 12, 35)*

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**« Je suis déjà marié à  
Jésus Christ, je  
ne me marierai pas ! » Et  
son persécuteur répondit  
: « Alors votre vie prend  
fin ! »**

Dear Faithful Lao, Hmong, & Khmu Catholics & Friends:

In March of 2016, His Holiness Pope Francis blessed 17 Martyrs of Laos. The beatification process will be celebrated in Laos on December 10th and 11th, 2016. Additionally, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for these 17 Martyrs at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snows, **442 S. Demazenod Drive, Belleville, Illinois 62223-1023** on June 17th and 18th, 2017. At this special occasion, we plan to invite our Bishops of Laos to join us in celebrating this unique event with us.

Our Planning Committee has been working hard to honor these 17 Martyrs, and also to bring them here to the United States of America so that they can become part of our Lao, Hmong, and Khmu Catholic faith, part of our personal prayers, and also part of our daily lives. We are grateful and truly blessed to be witnesses to these 17 Martyrs who surfaced from their sacrifices among our faithful ancestors. With that being said, our Committee realizes that we cannot do this alone. We need your help!

We do not want to claim their blessings for ourselves, but kindly ask them to bless every single one of us who are baptized in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **This is why your help is crucial for the success of the Thanksgiving Mass being held next June in 2017.**

Enclosed with this letter is a contribution form. We implore you to spend a moment in prayer, then fill out the form with your kind contribution and return it to the specified address. The 17 Martyrs deserve the best we can give them; it is the least we can do for their sacrifices.

In exchange for your love, compassion, and contribution, your name(s) will be blessed at the Thanksgiving Mass and will be published in the Mass booklet. You will be given a copy if you attend the event, or we will send one to you upon request. Please remember, your attendance is the most important part for the success of the Thanksgiving Mass. This is a once in a lifetime event that most likely will not happen again in our lifetime.

If you have any questions or comments about the Thanksgiving Mass program, please feel free to contact one of us on the Committee list. We will be more than happy to get back to you and provide you with what you need to know.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness,

Truly Yours in Christ,

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