

THẦY GIUSE HOÀNG VĂN ĐỨC, C.Ss.R

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"Chinh Thầy là sự sống lại và là sự sống" (Ga 11,25)

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Tỉnh Dòng Chúa Cứu Thế Việt Nam
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Đã an nghỉ trong Chúa ngày 07 tháng 02 năm 2022, tại Cộng Đoàn Dòng Chúa Cứu Thế Mai Thôn, sau 30 năm làm con Chúa trên dương thế, hơn 7 tháng khấn Dòng.

- **Nghi thức tấn liệm và Thánh lễ sẽ cử hành lúc 19g00, thứ Hai, ngày 07.02.2022**, tại Tu viện DCCT Sài Gòn, 38 Kỳ Đồng, Quận 3.
- **Thánh lễ An táng sẽ cử hành lúc 6g00, thứ Năm, ngày 10.02.2022**, tại Đền Đức Mẹ Hằng Cứu Giúp, 38 Kỳ Đồng, Quận 3.
- Sau Thánh lễ, thi hài Thầy GIUSE sẽ được hoá táng tại Bình Hưng Hoà.

Xin cầu nguyện cho Linh Hồn Thầy GIUSE
mau được hưởng Nhan Thánh Chúa.

RIP

from **Duc Trung Vu Csr** **He is too young!**

This is the first thought of mine and many other people when we heard the sad news that brother Joseph Hoang Van Duc, CSsR suddenly passed away overnight. He was just 30 years old and more than a half year of first professing the religious vows.

The joy of wearing the religious habit and attending the mass at his home parish was still fresh in his mind and heart during his recent holiday at home. However, now the unfulfilled dream must be given up to return to the Heavenly House of our Father.

Of course, it is a purpose of the religious men and women to be united with Christ and his saints in heaven but in terms of human perspective, I still feel sad about his sudden death. His journey of vocation has just begun at the first steps but now it must stop at the age of 30, the age of being matured and grown-up. The age of 30 in my culture is the age of being successful when you start to harvest the fruits of your hard work.

His pass away leaves the hearts of many friends, relatives and Redemptorists the emptiness and sadness, especially his parents. They had just said goodbye to their son some days ago before he returned back to our seminary. And now the sad news came unexpectedly, how can they bear the tears of sorrow?

Reflecting on his death, **I recognised three positive things** which can give us hope of goodness out of sadness.

First, he had just come back to the seminary after his holiday of Lunar New Year. He just said goodbye to his parents, family and friends even though he did not know in advance: This is the last farewell for them. He must also have enjoyable and meaningful days of being with beloved ones in his hometown. So, at least he had some preparation for his eternal journey to God's House.

Secondly, he passed away peacefully over the sleep. In the language of many people, he had a peaceful death. The tradition of Redemptorist asks each religious brother and priest to say this beautiful prayer before turning off the light every day: "O Lord, I know for sure I will die. Perhaps, I might die soon. Maybe tonight I go to sleep and tomorrow I will not wake up. Therefore, you remind me to prepare to go to bed as to go to the tomb." Each catholic and especially each religious brother and sister is suggested to reflect about daily. And this prayer was exactly what happened to our late brother.

Thirdly, he died in the seminary where he committed himself to the religious life and studying. Reading his biography, we know that after graduating from the famous university in Vietnam (The Polytechnique university), he entered the aspirancy of Redemptorist. After getting the degree of the university which promised a lot of things for his own life, he put it away to pursuing "the degree of heaven." Our founder, saint Alphonsus, said that: Whoever perseveres in the congregation, he will be received in the Kingdom of God. I believe that he persevered in his vocation and now, he might reunite with all the Redemptorist saints.

With those three points of reflection, I feel comforted to some extent about his death. May the soul of brother Joseph pray for us, the Redemptorist remains in this world, to know how to prepare ourselves to welcome God and try our best to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom. Amen

Duc Trung Vu, CSsR

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