



RF. Francis TRUONG BUU DIEP

Born on January 1st, 1897

Ordained as priest in 1927 – Martyred on March 12th, 1946

Reverend Father Francis Truong Buu Diep's short biography (January 1, 1897- March 12, 1946)

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- Reverend Father Truong Buu Diep was born on January 1, 1897 and baptized on February 2, 1897 at Con Phuoc parish, My Loi hamlet, My Luong commune, Cho Moi district, An Giang province.
- In 1904, at the age of seven, he was motherless and then accompanied his father to live in Battambang province (Cambodia).
- In 1909, he started studying at Cu Lao Gieng Minor Seminary, and continued his studies at Phnom Penh Major Seminary in Cambodia (at that time, all parishes of An Giang, Chau Doc and Ha Tien provinces in the Mekong Delta were directly under the authority of the Diocese of Phnom Penh).
- In 1924, he was ordained in Phnom Penh.
- From 1924 to 1925, he was assigned as Parochial Vicar of Ho Tru, a Vietnamese parish in Kandal province, Cambodia.
- From 1927 to 1929, he was Teacher at Cu Lao Gieng Minor Seminary.
- In March 1930, he was Pastor of Tac Say parish. During this time, his ministry was to help found several parishes nearby, such as: Ba Doc, Cam Bo, An Hai, Dau Sau, Chu Chi, Khuc Treo, Dong Go and Rach Ran.
- From 1945 to 1946, the country was torn by war that caused the evacuation of many Catholics. He was advised by an ecclesial superior to leave the area for a safer one until the situation became peaceful, but he stated: *"I live among my parishioners and I will die among them. I won't go anywhere"*.
- On March 12, 1946, Rev. Truong Buu Diep and over 70 parishioners of Tac Say parish were captured and held in Teacher Chau Van Su's rice storehouse in Cay Gua hamlet. He sacrificed his life to save them.
- His body was buried in the sacristy of Khuc Treo church, Bac Lieu province.
- In 1969, his remains were moved and reburied at Tac Say church where his ministry was done for 16 years.
- *"The good Shepherd gave his life for his sheep"*. Rev. FRANCIS TRUONG BUU DIEP carried out the word of Christ in his life, dedicated himself to God and gave his life for his parishioners. His life can be summarized as follows:

**"The heroic life, the sacrifice to save the people,
The sacred death, the support to help the righteous."**



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