



“Pray the rosary and perform apostolic work”

**The Catholic associational culture in
the Republic of Vietnam**

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Associational culture: one side of the coin
Other side: devotional culture



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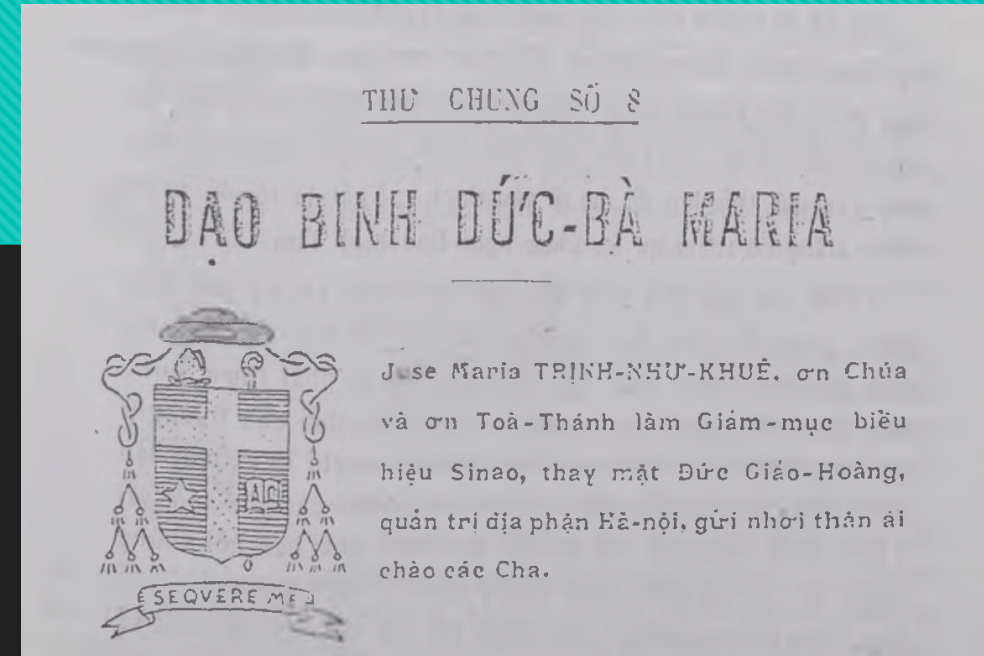
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Colonialism

- Early non-Marian organizations
 - Mutual aid associations driven by migration & formation of new communities
- Papal formation of **Catholic Action** in 1923 & introduction to Indochina in 1934
 - Thanh Niên Lao Động Công Giáo ~ Young Catholic Workers
 - Thanh Niên Thôn Quê Công Giáo ~ Rural Catholic Youth
 - Thanh Niên Nông Nghiệp Công Giáo ~ Agricultural Catholic Youth
 - Hùng Tâm Dũng Chí ~ Coeurs Vaillants, Âmes Vallantes
 - Nghĩa Binh Thánh Thể ~ Eucharistic Crusade

Catholic Action

Decolonization

- *Legio Mariae* ~ The Legion of Mary
- *Liên Minh Thánh Tâm* ~ The League of the Sacred Heart
- Creation of *Catholic Action* national office

Catholic Action



National division (South Vietnam)

- Expansion & reorganization of older associations
 - Hùng Tâm Dũng Chí (top) and Thanh Lao Công (bottom)
- New ones
 - Blue Army of Fatima
 - Cursillo
- Second Vatican Council



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**Example of Phú Trung Parish
Tân Bình, Saigon (1968-1975)**



**Usually clergy-led but
heavy lay involvement**



For consideration...

- Religious & devotional mass mobilization of Vietnamese Catholics.
- The place of civil society, especially organized religion, in nation-building.
- Intersections among religious ideas and movements, locally and globally; and nation-building; and, ultimately, republicanism.

This research on South Vietnam is related to my focus on Vietnamese Catholic refugees in the U.S.

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