

THE RELICS

In the church the relics have always received an especial veneration and attention. The body of the Blessed and of the Saints, destined for resurrection, has been on earth the living temple of the Holy Spirit and the instrument of their holiness, recognized by the Apostolic See through the beatification and canonization. The relics of the Blesseds and of the Saints cannot be exposed to the veneration of the faithful without the corresponding certificate from the ecclesiastical authority guaranteeing its authenticity.

Traditionally, the body of the Blesseds and Saints or considerable parts of the bodies themselves or the complete volume of the ashes derived from their cremation are considered distinguished relics. To these relics the diocesan Bishops, the Eparchs, all those who are equated by law, and the Congregation for the Causes of Saints reserve special care and vigilance to ensure their preservation and veneration and to prevent abuse. Therefore, they must be kept in specific sealed urns and placed in places that guarantee their safety, respect their sacredness and favor worship.

Small fragments of the body of the Blesseds and Saints or even objects that have been in direct contact with their persons are considered non-distinguished relics. If possible, they should be kept in sealed teaks. In any case, they must be preserved and honored in a religious spirit, avoiding any form of superstition and commercialization.

A similar discipline also applies to the mortal remains (exuviae) of the Servants of God and of the Venerables, whose Causes of beatification and canonization are in process. Until they are elevated to the honor of the altars by beatification or canonization, their mortal remains cannot enjoy any public worship, nor of those privileges that are reserved only for the body of one who has been beatified or canonized. (Congregation for the Causes of Saints. INSTRUCTION. Relics in the Church: Authenticity and Preservation, December 17, 2017)

TO REQUEST RELICS

TO THE GENERAL POSTULATION OF THE RELIGIOUS OF MARY IMMACULATE CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES

The General Postulation has the responsibility of the custody and distribution of the relics of the Blesseds and Saints of the Congregation.

Those who wish **to request relics** must meet the following requirements:

1. Send the application to the General Postulation by letter on letterhead, signature and seal of the person in charge (Bishop, Parish Priest, Major Religious Superior) clarifying the name and surname of the signatory, and a copy of the identity document.
2. Specify the name of the temple, chapel, church, the postal and electronic address of the same, where the relic will be exhibited for the public worship of the faithful.
3. If the application is accepted by the General Postulation, it will be sent after having received the original of the letter from the Bishop, Parish Priest or Major Religious Superior accrediting the request.

Those who wish **to communicate graces received or collaborate** financially with the Causes of the Congregation can contact the General Postulation at the addresses indicated below.

Those who wish **to request prints with relics** (not insignificant) **intended for a specific pastoral use that is made explicit in the petition or materials** on the life of the Servants of God, Blesseds and Saints can go to these address: causarmimc@gmail.com

Postal Address:

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