

FR. FRANCIS CANAVAN

Fr. Francis Canavan was born on Main Street, Headford, Co. Galway on February 15th, 1915. He died in Korea on December 6th, 1950. Having completed his secondary education at St. Mary's College, Galway, Frank entered Dalgan in 1934 and was ordained priest at Dalgan in 1940. Due to World War II he was unable to go on overseas mission so he worked in the diocese of Galway. He went to Korea in 1949. When the North Korean Army invaded in 1950, Frank, along with Bishop Thomas Quinlan and Phil Crosbie, was taken into custody and compelled to take part in the notorious "Death March" to the far north of Korea. He died in a prison camp there. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. Frank is buried where he died.

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Martyred in Korea on
December 6th, 1950

PRAYER

"When the Lord has given you the bread of suffering and the water of distress, he who is your teacher will hide no longer, and you will see your teacher with your own eyes. Whether you turn to right or left, your ears will hear these words behind you, 'This is the way, follow it.' He will send rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the bread that the ground provides will be rich and nourishing."

-The Prophet Isaiah 30: 20-21, 23.

Prayer for Beatification

(for private devotion)

God our creator and redeemer in the life of Fr. Francis, and the other six priests of the Missionary society of St. Columban you have given us a wonderful example of courage in the face of persecution, of faithfulness to the gospel, and loyalty to the Church.

No greater love has anyone than to lay down their life in witness to your son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Graciously honour these Modern Martyrs of Korea, and grant me through their intercession the favour I ask of you ...
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux & St. Francis Xavier
... Pray for us

St. Nicholas of Myra & St Columban
... Pray for us

St. Jarlath & St Fursey ... Pray for us

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