

## **THE DIOCESE OF LONG XUYEN, VIETNAM**

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The Diocese of Long Xuyen covers two provinces of An Giang and Kien Giang plus parts of two districts that belong to the City of Can Tho. This region is located in the most south-western corner of Vietnam in the Mekong Delta that shares a border with Cambodia.

The Long Xuyen Diocese currently has over 235,000 faithful among approximately 4.2 million people or 5.57%, lower than the national average. It spreads out to 185 parishes in a region of about 6,500 square miles. We currently have 321 priests including 32 religious ones, about 300 religious sisters, 119 seminarians, 203 preparatory students and nearly 1,700 catechists.

In 1954, the population of the faithful in this area was about 30,000. That was before the influx of the Catholic political refugees from North Vietnam moving into this fertile farming land. The official church records indicate that the above number increased to 93,739 in 1964. Again, we are caring for over 234,000 faithful nowadays.

Vietnam's population nationwide is shifting from countryside to more industrial cities or further into isolated rural lands. The latter is of our most concern since many Catholics are migrating away from their home parishes to the new land where there are neither churches nor catechetical schools.

The Long Xuyen Diocese has to build up to 5 chapels and many classrooms each year to accommodate these new Catholic Communities. We also must train many new catechists and evangelization volunteers for our efforts of the New Evangelization.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!**

Please let us be the extension of your arms to help these poor brothers and sisters of ours as well as reaching out to the non-Christians in the region who are hungry for the GOOD NEWS of CHRIST and the LOVE of GOD.

100% of the funds generated from your generosity will be utilized for the above purposes.

One of our wishes is to turn this chapel into a new one as in the below photo.

