

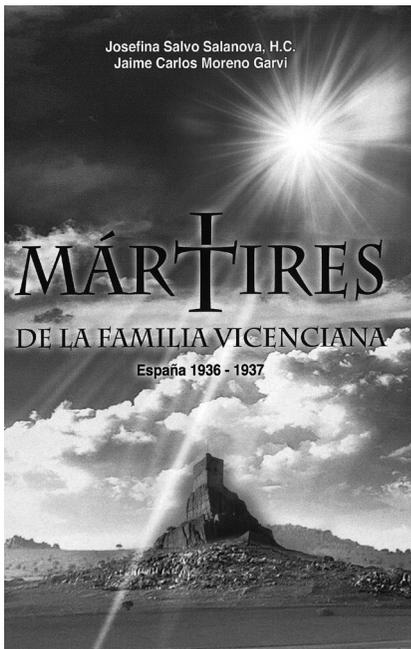
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Vincentian Bibliography

Martyrs of the Vincentian Family

Spain 1936-1937

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In this book one will find a summary of the life and martyrdom of the 33 priests and the 16 brothers of the Congregation of the Mission, the 2 Daughters of Charity, the 5 diocesan priests and the 13 lay persons who are to be beatified. Some of those lay persons were members of the Miraculous Medal Association and the first members to undergo martyrdom and now the first to be beatified. The life and martyrdom of these individuals reflect the apostolic outreach and the values of the Vincentian vocation as well as

the contributions that the Vincentian Family made to the church in Spain during the first half of the twentieth century.

This work is intended to serve as a reference for future research, be that in the form of individual biographies or more profound theological and/or pastoral studies. Even though one finds here brief narrations, nevertheless, the footnotes open the door to more critical research.

The primary source for this book is the documentation that was utilized during the process of canonization and the *Positio* that was written by the same authors: one, a Daughter of Charity and the vice-postulator of the Cause, and the other, a historian and a grandson of one of the martyrs. The authors were rigorous in their search for the truth ... the historical truth and, as far as possible, the transcendental truth (the mystery of the relationship between the individual believer and his/her ever-faithful God). We also find here some theological reflections on martyrdom (written by Father Nieto) and a letter written by Father Santos to his confreres telling them that they should be comforted by the fact that it was God who chose him and animated him and strengthened him to forgive his persecutors, to cry out long live Christ, the King ... words that express the reason for his unjust death, yet a death that was not in vain.