



CONVERSATIONS ON ASIAN THEOLOGIES AND CULTURES

Ngắm Đứng (Standing Meditation) as an Instrument for Missionary Evangelization in Today's Vietnam

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1:30pm India • 3:00pm Vietnam* and Indonesia
4:00pm Philippines and Taiwan • 5:00pm Korea and Japan
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Abstract: In his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis precisely said: “Popular piety enables us to see how the faith, once received, becomes embodied in a culture and is constantly passed on” (EG., 123). The Pope also greatly encouraged the Church to use popular piety as today’s “evangelizing power.” *Ngắm Đứng* (Standing Meditation) is a famous and precious Catholic popular devotion which is practiced only in Vietnam since the seventeenth century. It is a special and profound way of expressing faith in God, particularly Jesus Christ, of the Vietnamese people. This presentation is generally an example of an approach to doing contextual theology with sensitivity to local practices of popular devotion. Particularly, the researcher focuses on Standing Meditation as a resource of theology in Vietnam’s context. In doing so, the researcher attempts to portray some possible images of Jesus and elaborate some dimensions of a popular Christian spirituality. In addition, concerning the call of the Church for mission, the researcher aims to promote Standing Meditation as an instrument of Evangelization in Vietnam today.

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¹ Cf. https://jcapsj.org/blog/2021/11/16/conversations-on-asian-theologies-and-cultures/?utm_source=JCAP+Contacts&utm_campaign=dc03299341-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_November+26+2020_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e5bb4b4878-dc03299341-88244301