

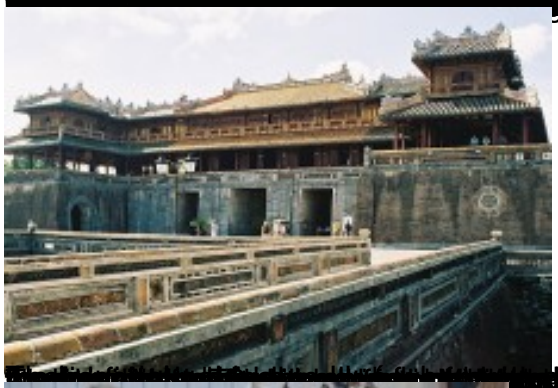
(Fr. Vincent Leclercq, an Assumptionist who teaches at the Catholic Institute in Paris, recently visited Vietnam. Fr. Vincent, who is also a medical doctor, earned a Ph.D. in medical ethics at Boston College several years ago and lived at the Assumptionist Center in Brighton. The following article which he wrote appeared in the October issue of the newsletter of the French province of Assumptionists.)

My nose is pressed to the window as we approach the Saigon airport. It's six in the morning, 1 A.M. in Paris. I wonder what the next hours, the next days will be like. I don't have any idea ----- and I thoroughly enjoy this feeling.

An Assumptionist is waiting for me when I land with a smile on his face. It's Duc, a young Vietnamese Assumptionist brother who lives with our community in Cachan (near Paris). He greets me as well as the Dominican who is with me, Fr. Gilles Berceville, and the Biblical scholar, Claude Tassin, both of whom, like me, have come from the Catholic Institute of Paris to give classes in Dalat. After a quick breakfast of Vietnamese soup (!) gobbled down quickly at the Major Seminary in Saigon, Duc insists on showing me and a few friends the town on motorcycles. Driving in Saigon is a permanent miracle! I feel shivers going up and down my spine more
than once sitting on the cycle's back seat. I am completely disoriented; it's nothing like Paris.

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