



Virgin Mary & Child - Korea

This Korean Mary and child calls to mind the history of Catholicism in Korea. Over 200 Koreans have been canonized as martyrs for the various persecutions that happened between 1785 and 1876. The Korean Church grew out of a pursuit for knowledge, a desire for an afterlife, equality across the different social classes, and the opportunities that came with being members of a community. These martyrs died because they believed the Catholic faith is a "pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:46). As we recall the sufferings that Koreans endured to be Catholic, this Korean image of Mary reminds us that our faith is beautiful and precious.