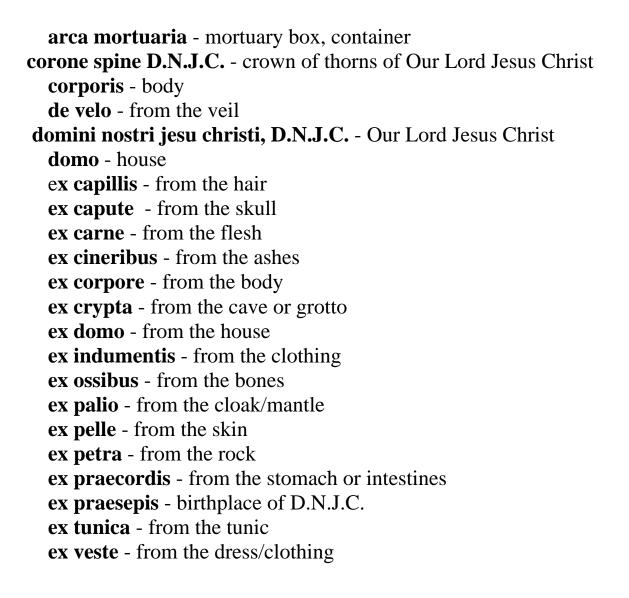
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I have compiled a glossary to provide you with the definitions of the most commonly used words and abbreviations.

Definitions of the most commonly used words:



Initials that follow the name to which the relic belongs:

- AP. Apostle
- C.- Confessor
- **D.** Doctor of the Church
- E.- Bishop
- EV. Evangelist
- **F.** Founder of Order
- Lev. Deacon
- M.- Martyr
- **Poen.** Penitent
- **PP.** Pope
- Reg. King or Queen
- V.- Virgin
- Vid. Widow

The next important step is to clarify the classification of the relic itself. There are three classes of relics; 1st class, 2nd class, and 3rd class.

**[1st class]** The bodies of saintly persons or any of their integrant parts, such as limbs, ashes, and bones.

[2nd class] Objects that have come in physical contact with living Saints and are thereby sanctified (for instance, the instruments wherewith a martyr has been tortured, the chains by which he was bound, the clothes he wore, objects he used).

[3rd class] Bits of cloth touched to an actual 1st or 2nd class relic.