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Dear St. James Vietnamese Community,

Peace be with you at the beginning of this new year of Grace. I pray with and for your community, that God may continue to enlarge your community and that you may prosper and grow under the servant-leadership and compassionate care of Fr. Peter and your leadership council. I am blessed to be called your pastor and so pleased that you are a vital part of the St. James Catholic Community. I am grateful for your many gifts which enrich our local Church:

- Your unending generosity and love which takes the form of many anniversary banners to beautify our Church building; lovely flowers for many celebrations; food, music and dance to enrich our loves and your skills to maintain our buildings and create a Chapel for the priests house!
- Your faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of La Vang;
- Your piety in prayer and worship; your reverence for God's house;
- Your love for your children, passing on to them your faith and enjoyment of fruitful family and community life;
- Your very vibrant youth group and your respect for the wisdom of the elders in our community;
- Your enjoyment of play and picnics and time with each other;
- Your willingness to see what needs to be done (making by hand a tabernacle for our school and for the chapel in our rectory) and your obvious love for your priests.

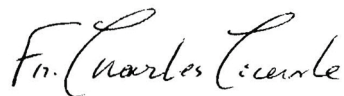
As Saint Teresa of Avila said: "God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them." All that you do here for your parish, people and priests is prompted by love. God is praised in you!

May this New Year of the Cat bring you good fortune, prosperity, good health, happiness and joy. My best to each of you and know that I pray for your needs daily. God will reward all that you do to show your love. Thank you for your part in making our parish a blessed family of grace!

It has been said that : "Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread." I have found sustenance and love in you and I am grateful.

St. Paul writes, "My message was not delivered with skillful words of human wisdom, but with convincing proof of the power of God's spirit. Your faith, then, does not rest on human wisdom but on God's power." (I Cor. 2:4-5)

Blessings and Grace,



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Pastor