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Dear St. James Vietnamese Community,

Peace be with you at the beginning of this year of Grace. Happy 25th Anniversary as you celebrate a quarter century of worship and prayer in the Diocese of Metuchen. Our Diocese is enriched by your faith and love.

St. James Catholic Community has been blessed to have you as faithful, holy parishioners for the past eighteen years! I pray that God will continue to enlarge your community and that you may prosper and grow under your good shepherds: Fr. Peter and your Leadership Council. I am blessed to be called your pastor and so pleased that you are a vital part of this Catholic Community. I am grateful for your many generous gifts which enrich our local Church.

As you celebrate this 25 year Anniversary may you be filled with Joy of heart, Peace of mind and soul, and Love that grows with each passing year. Your love for one another and for priests reflects God's enduring love for us. Blessings today and always.

Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, in his great book Testimony of Hope, quotes Pope Paul VI when he spoke of the Holy Spirit as the soul of the Church: "

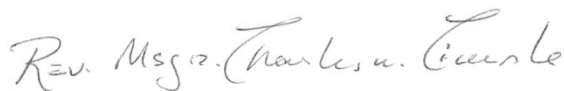
"The Holy Spirit is the animator and sanctifier of the Church, her divine breath, the wind in her sails, her unifying principle, her interior source of light and strength, her support and her consoler, her source of charisms and songs, her peace and her joy, her reward and prelude of blessed and eternal life. The Church needs this perennial Pentecost; it needs fire in the heart, words on her lips, prophecy in her glance."

For this, we also trustingly invoke, "Come, Holy Spirit."

I pray the Holy Spirit animates your community to greater love for the Church and that as this new year unfolds Christ remains your unfailing support.

Blessings for good fortune, prosperity, good health, happiness and joy upon all who read these words. My best to each of you and know that I pray for your needs daily. God will reward all you do to show your love. Thank you for your part in making our parish a blessed family of grace!

Blessings and Grace,



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