



St Vincent Liem

16 January 2020

Dear Fr Tan and community

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới. Late last year I had the privilege of visiting the St Vincent Liem community and being a part of its life for a few days.

I met the Community Centre Council, the Financial Committee, delegates of areas, and some of the parents of Religious and priests. I was able to visit the youth and catechists at the Eucharistic scout camp and some of the sick and elderly of the community as well as to celebrate a number of Masses with the community.

I am delighted at the energy, life, faith, love of the Lord and the generosity and commitment to community that I experienced. Also Mass is celebrated with beauty and devotion and I thank those who are involved in this. This community is supporting people to be connected to our good God in a very effective way. And thank you for your dedication to passing our faith on to your children.

It is important that all of us take responsibility for the life of our community and I encourage all to look for appropriate opportunities to become involved in leadership. Let us continue to others to contribute as well.

With you, I thank Fr Tan. We are deeply grateful for his pastoral care and community building. He is warm, compassionate, committed, generous, hard-working, constant, and faith-filled. I thank him for who he is and has been for us all.

I also thank the catechists, choir leader and parishioners I met for their love for the parish and commitment to its well-being as well as those who helped to host me and who translated: Mr Duc, Mrs Huyen, Mr Dung, Mrs Dinh Thanh, Mr Mien and Mr Tan Vo.

I enjoyed my visit very much and look forward to future visits. An khang thịnh vượng

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