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**TO THE VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT OF AUSTRALIA – ON
THE OCCASION OF THE CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS BEING HELD IN
PERTH DECEMBER 2019.**

Dear Vietnamese Catholic Youth of Australia,

As Pope Francis invites all of us: *“Go into the deep and spread the Good News to everyone”*. You are invited to bring joy to everyone you meet, work and live with so that they know you are Christ’s disciples.

You are the salt of the earth who brings happiness toward those you meet, at school and through all the roads and highways you travel through. With the deep joy of Christ in your own heart, you make the world a happier place through your life and the lives of those you touch through Christ’s peace.

On the occasion of the Catholic Youth Congress in Perth, we, the Vietnamese Catholic chaplains of all the Vietnamese Catholic communities throughout Australia would like to address this letter to you as a sign of encouragement. May our Lord bless your Catholic Youth Congress as you gather together to spread God’s peace and joy through your calling to be a disciple of Christ in your life as a Catholic youth throughout Australia.

This Catholic Youth Congress will be organised on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the first week of December. This is a wonderful occasion to help you prepare your spiritual journey to welcome God through the birth of Jesus to bring peace to the world, which you are all called to give witness through your own baptism.

Specially, be mindful that through your own journey in life, you are the seeds of Faith, that have been planted by Christ within your own heart, watered by the blood of all the Vietnamese Martyrs who gave witness through their own life.

Today, you are all called to give witness of faith to others, just like the Vietnamese Martyrs who have nurtured and brought forth this faith in your own life as a Eucharistic youth. Be courageous and utilise this opportunity to proclaim the Good News which our forefathers have sacrificed through their own life and blood.

In order to achieve this, each of you have received the gifts of joy and happiness from God. Take the first step, by discerning yourself to take part in this up and coming Catholic Youth Congress through your own free will, and not by any coercion from anyone else, not even your own parents.

In this journey, imagine you are one of the Israelites, who is making a spiritual journey to the new Jerusalem. There, you will find true happiness.

We believe that all of you are seeking true and lasting happiness every day in your own life. However, instead of happiness, you find yourself in sadness, anxiousness, worrisome, and full of uncertainties. . .

Therefore, what is true happiness and where can we find it? The answer to this important question, Pope Francis has said can be discovered through God: “*Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*” (Mt 5:3).

We hope that as you begin your pilgrimage to God’s kingdom (Catholic Youth Congress) you become a true disciple of Christ so that your soul is free from life’s attachment and that you place all your desires and treasures only in Christ our Lord. Through it, your heart will be at peace.

Even though nature and human beings do change according to time, however, Jesus’ disciples have placed Christ as the centre of their life and have found peace and true happiness.

With all of our love, we bid you peace and wish you a joyful Catholic Youth Congress with joy and happiness, through and in God’s love. May Mary, our loving mother protect each and every one of you and guide you through your own life journey so that you can find true happiness in Christ, who has come so that we may have life and have it to the full.

Yours in Christ and Mary our Loving Mother,

25th July, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tan', with a horizontal line underneath.

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