



SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE OF GENTILES

LETTER FOR HELP

To: All Benefactors in the Country and Overseas,

Dear all of you

In 2009, on the occasion of "The Year of Saint Paul", celebrating the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul the Apostle, I received the enlightened grace of the Holy Spirit (Charism) along with "the urging love of Christ", so I decided to brought some brothers those who same ideal with me together and we wanted to took the spiritual life of St. Paul the Apostle as a guide for the evangelization journey; At the same time, we chose his name and his mission as the name of this new Society : "**Society of Saint Paul the Apostle of Gentiles**".

On June 10, 2016, Archbishop of Saigon Archdiocese, Paul Bui Van Doc approved the Constitution of this Society and He also signed the official decision to establish: "**Association of Saint Paul the Apostles of gentiles**" according to Canon law. On June 30, 2016, in Tan Sa Chau parish, Archdiocese Sai Gon, Archbishop Paul Bui Van Doc solemnly declared the decision to establish our Society in the presence of numerous priests, religious and catholics. The current number of members has reached more than 80 brothers and this is a good news for our Society. However, one of the most important concerns for the Association and for me now is: how to buy a piece of land and build a **Mother House, Novitiate house** and other constructions in Sai Gon Diocese. We need to do that to responding the basic needs of the Association as well as the desire of the Diocesan Superior.

On May 15, 2018, Give thanks to the Lord for his mercy, we bought a piece of 5,000m² land = 16,000,000,000 VND (Sixteen billion Vietnamese dongs equal 689.536 USD) at Vinh Loc B, Binh Chanh distric, Ho Chi Minh city. However, we only have 5,000,000,000 VND (Five billion VND equal 215.480 USD) to deposit. The remaining amount that we were forced to pay until the end of May 2019, not charged for housing, that is: 11,000,000,000 VND (Eleven billion VND equal 474.056 USD) If this debts cannot be paid at this time, the land price will increase with the actual current time.

This is a difficult time for us because we are just new association and the amount of money is so big than a very short time which we have to repay. On the other hand, I have turned 96 years old, so I realize that there are many limitations and difficulties If we don't have your cooperation. In addition, everyday in front of my mind are many basic demands of our brothers who is in the training and pastoral period such as: **rent; utility bills; Eating, studying, documenting ect.** All of these difficulties make me and all members of our Association feel very anxious. Therefore, today, I write this letter to knock on the door of your "**golden heart**". Please "**move your heart**" and share our actual difficulty with us. **I would like to invite all of you join us in the common development of the Church and Our Society by means of: each one can help us some bricks, 1m² or 2m² of land or even more so (3,200,000 VND/m² equal 138 USD/m²),** it up to your economic ability. I believe that "Together we can change the world" In this way, we can have some basic conditions to develop our Society, to take care for our brothers during the training period and especially to become good priests, brothers, missionaries in the mission field as God's will. You also can help us by introducing this letter to organizations and individuals, so by their generosity, we can receive more prayers, support and sharing.

Through the intercession of Mama Mary, St. Joseph and St. Paul the Apostle, May the Lord, Who is Father of Mercy and never loses your generosity, will grant the supreme reward for each of you now and forever. **We will keep you and your family every day in our prayers and every month we will celebrate a Mass according to your will.**

Any help, please send to the address:

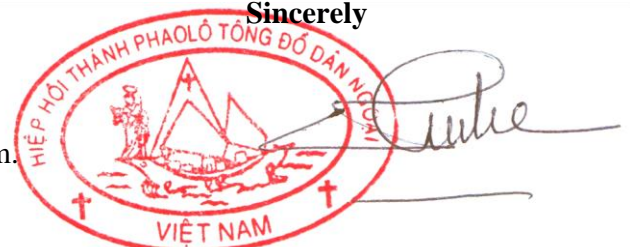
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Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 2019

Sincerely



Fr. Louis Bertrand Cao Duc Thuan, S.S.P.
General Superior



General Superior give religious habit for brothers



Archbishop Paul celebrated the First Proffession of Vows Mass for the first members



The piece of 5,000m² land was filled to built the Mother and Noviciate house at Vinh Loc B



The first retreat time in 2018 at Betania retreat house



Father General Superior visit communities in Binh Phuoc to promote brother's spiritual life and Society

