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Dear Father Nguyen,

I write to acknowledge your recent letter in which you have expressed your kind wishes to me on the occasion of the Lunar New Year; and asked that the same prayerful wishes be extended to our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

I appreciate the devoted sentiments that you have sent on behalf of the clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Federation of Vietnamese Catholics in the United States. In so doing, I also recall with fondness my recent meeting with you and 250 priests who participated in this past year's Emmaus Convocation in the Diocese of Orange, California.

As he invoked divine blessings upon those who were to celebrate this Lunar New Year, the Holy Father said: "This January 25th, in the Far East and in various other parts of the world, many millions of men and women will celebrate the Lunar New Year. I send you my cordial greetings, wishing that families, in particular, may be places of education in the virtues of welcome, wisdom, respect for every person and harmony with creation" (*General Audience, January 22, 2020*).

To these sentiments, I add my own heartfelt wishes to you and your collaborators on this happy occasion. Commending you and the members of your Federation to the intercession of Our Lady of Lavang, I assure you of a remembrance in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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