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Đoàn Anrê Dũng Lạc

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“Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose.”

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Trước tiên, con xin gửi lời chào thân ái đến Cha Tuyên Úy, quý Souer Trợ Úy, quý Phụ Huynh, quý Huynh Trưởng và toàn thể các em Đoàn Sinh thân mến. Nguyên chúc mọi người luôn bình an và tràn đầy ơn lành trong tình yêu thương của Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể.

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Thời gian đi qua thật nhanh, mới đây mà đã gần hết năm. Nhờ sự quan phòng của Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể và Mẹ Maria mà đoàn chúng ta đã không ngừng phát triển và thăng tiến trên con đường hướng thiện, yêu thương và hiệp nhất. Chỉ trong vòng một năm mà con số thành viên trong đoàn đã tăng lên gấp đôi, đến nay có trên 135 em, 15 Huynh Trưởng và 3 Trợ Úy. Đây là một thành quả mà con chưa bao giờ nghĩ đến.

Nhìn lại năm sinh hoạt vừa qua, con cảm nhận và thấy được sự đoàn kết, yêu thương, và tinh thần của các em đã gia tăng thật cao. Sức sống của đoàn mỗi ngày một triển nở. Điển hình là tháng nào chúng ta cũng có thêm thành viên mới. Trong năm vừa qua, mặc dù có nhiều bận rộn và khó khăn nhưng Đoàn vẫn cố gắng thực hiện nhiều chương trình nhằm giáo dục và hướng dẫn các em có thêm lòng đạo đức, tinh thần hăng say và kiến thức rộng mở để hăng hái sống và thực hành đạo.

Bắt đầu từ tháng hai, đoàn đã tổ chức một khoá huấn luyện Tông Đồ Đội Trưởng & Đội Phó nhằm đào tạo cho các em có thêm kiến thức về lãnh đạo và chỉ huy đội; cũng như để nâng cao tinh thần đồng đội nơi các em. Kế đến vào tháng Ba là một buổi tĩnh tâm để giúp các em chuẩn bị tâm hồn bước vào Mùa Chay Thánh. Trong tháng Tư, đoàn đã phát động chiến dịch thi đua Bó Hoa Thiêng (BHT) “Calvary IV” hầu giúp các đoàn sinh siêng năng thi đua cầu nguyện, rước lễ, hãm mình và làm việc bác ái. Tiếp đến là tháng Hoa, đoàn đã tổ chức cho các em đi hành hương để tôn kính Đức Mẹ với các sắc tộc Á Châu tại Washington, DC và tiếp tục thi đua BHT.

Đến khi hè về, đoàn đã bận rộn với việc tổ chức 3 kỳ trại hè cho các em. Trong đó, là một sa mạc huấn luyện bổ túc “Vươn Lên 9” và kỳ trại hè “Niềm Vui 10”. Đặc biệt năm nay, đoàn lần đầu tiên tổ chức một kỳ trại vui cho các em trong Ngành Ấu ở sau vườn của nhà xứ. Kỳ trại hè “Mây Hồng I” có kết quả rất thành công, tuy rằng cuối tuần có mưa lớn nhưng các em đã chơi rất vui và giữ được tinh thần mạnh mẽ trong suốt hai ngày liền.

Để trở lại với mái trường vào tháng Chín, đoàn đã tổ chức cho các em đi tham dự cuộc hành hương Đức Mẹ Lộ Đức tại Emmitsburg, MD. Trong dịp này, đoàn đã giúp cho Liên Đoàn Công Giáo MTĐ phụ trách phần dâng hoa kính Mẹ. Ngoài ra, đoàn cũng tổ chức thành công một buổi hội chợ mừng Tết Trung Thu cho các em trong giáo xứ. Và gần đây nhất là tháng Mân Côi và tháng Các Linh Hồn, đoàn đã tiếp tục phát động thi đua BHT để tập cho các em đọc kinh Mân Côi với Đức Mẹ và có một buổi đi viếng nghĩa trang để cầu nguyện cho các linh hồn còn nơi luyện ngục. Ngoài những chương trình đặc biệt này ra, hằng tháng các em vẫn dành thời gian để Châu Thánh Thể và giúp các công việc phụng vụ trong các thánh lễ.

Viết đến đây, con không quên sự yêu thương dịu dặt của Cha Tuyên Úy Đaminh Vũ Ngọc An và quý Soeur Dòng Con Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm. Cha và quý Soeur đã không ngừng giúp đỡ đoàn qua những công việc tâm linh và hướng dẫn chúng con biết yêu mến và đến với Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể nhiều hơn. Riêng Cha Tuyên Úy, mặc dù sức khoẻ không được tốt, nhưng lúc nào Cha cũng một mực quan tâm, yêu mến và hỗ trợ chúng con trong các chương trình của Đoàn. Chúng con xin chân thành tri ân Cha. Nguyện xin Anh Cả Giêsu thương chữa lành và ban cho Cha luôn hồn an xác mạnh và đầy nghị lực để Cha tiếp tục sứ vụ tông đồ phục vụ Chúa và tha nhân.

Tiếp theo, con cũng muốn gửi lời cảm tạ đến Sr. Huyền, Sr. Tiên, và Sr. Dương. Rất cảm ơn quý soeur đã dành thời gian đến phục vụ trong đoàn. Các sơ đã không ngại ngại chia sẻ và dịu dặt các em cũng như các Trưởng qua những khoá học, giờ Châu Thánh Thể, cũng như giúp chúng con trong những giờ sinh hoạt chung và các kỳ tổ chức văn nghệ cho giáo xứ. Qua sự phục vụ, hy sinh và những gương sáng của các soeur, con học được một bài học rất cao quý, đó là mọi việc chúng ta làm là để vinh danh Thiên Chúa.

Kể đến, con cũng xin gửi lời cảm ơn đến quý phụ huynh đã không ngừng giúp đỡ và ủng hộ cho đoàn chúng con; cả thời gian, công sức, lẫn vật chất. Lòng yêu mến, sự quan tâm, và sự cộng tác mà quý phụ huynh dành cho đoàn là một khích lệ lớn cho các huynh trưởng để chúng con tiếp tục phục vụ các em và cộng đoàn giáo xứ.

Riêng với các Huynh Trưởng, anh muốn dành đôi lời cảm ơn đặc biệt tới tất cả các Trưởng đang hy sinh hướng dẫn và giáo dục các em qua những sinh hoạt mỗi tuần tại đoàn. Anh rất khâm phục tấm gương khiêm nhường và lòng nhiệt thành hăng say của các Trưởng. Không có lời nào có thể diễn tả được những hy sinh, sự quảng đại dấn thân phụng sự Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể qua việc phục vụ các em thiếu nhi. Mặc dù rất bận rộn với việc học hành, công ăn việc làm, và thời gian riêng dành cho gia đình, nhưng hễ đoàn có chương trình gì thì các Trưởng vẫn luôn đồng hành và hăng hái đến giúp đoàn với hết khả năng, thời gian, và tiền bạc. Những tình thương và công lao mà các Trưởng dành cho các em sẽ là những kỷ niệm đẹp và là món quà đặc biệt mà các em sẽ ghi nhớ mãi trong tim. Một nhấn nhủ mà Phong Trào và anh muốn dành cho các Trưởng là ước mong rằng mỗi người Huynh Trưởng chúng ta thể hiện được sứ mạng của mình là sống yêu thương và hiệp nhất với Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể và với nhau. Hãy cùng giúp

nhau Sống Ngày Thánh Thể; hướng dẫn cũng như năng thúc dục các em Sống Ngày Thánh Thể. Được như thế thì Huynh Trưởng mới xứng đáng là những chứng nhân sống động, những thầy dạy Đức Tin và chu toàn được 90% bổn phận của Người Huynh Trưởng.

Những lời sau cùng anh xin dành gửi đến tất cả các em đoàn sinh. Không có các em thì các Huynh Trưởng tụi anh sẽ không làm gì được. Đoàn chúng ta cũng không được như ngày hôm nay. Anh thành thật cảm ơn sự hy sinh của các em đã đến sinh hoạt thiếu nhi mỗi tuần. Anh biết, các em có thể chọn để ở nhà ngủ thêm hoặc đi chơi với bạn bè, nhưng các em đã biết vâng lời bố mẹ hy sinh để đến với TNTT; cố gắng học hỏi và thăng tiến bản thân. Nhìn thấy các em vui vẻ, tươi cười, và hoạt bát vào mỗi sáng Chúa Nhật làm cho anh đây thật hạnh phúc và thêm yêu đời. Đặc biệt, anh rất cảm ơn những tình cảm và những lời khen mà các em dành cho anh; với cái nick name “*The Anh Lap*” mà các em đã tặng cho anh. Anh rất hãnh diện và mãnh nguyện được trở thành một huynh trưởng để phục vụ các em mỗi tuần. Giờ đây ngồi nhìn lại, anh nhận thấy các em đã trưởng thành và ngoan hơn nhiều. Các em như những nụ hoa tươi, đầy sức sống nhưng cần sự chăm nom và vun trồng kỹ càng, để rồi một ngày những nụ hoa có thể nở thành những bông hoa tươi đẹp cho cách đồng của Giáo Hội. Mong muốn của anh là các em tiếp tục tập luyện Sống Ngày Thánh Thể hằng ngày qua việc thực hiện bốn khẩu hiệu thiếu nhi đó là cầu nguyện, rước lễ, hy sinh và làm việc bác ái.

Trước khi hết lời, con xin kính mừng lễ các Thánh Tử Đạo Việt Nam và chúc mừng Lễ Tạ Ôn đến Cha Tuyên Úy, quý souer Trợ Úy, quý Phụ Huynh, quý Huynh Trưởng và toàn thể các em đoàn sinh. Nguyên xin Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể tuần ban muôn ơn lành và trả công bội hậu cho mỗi thành viên trong đoàn. Đồng thời, hiệp với lời cầu bầu của Mẹ Maria và Thánh Anrê Dũng Lạc xin Chúa thương tiếp tục hướng dẫn, thánh hoá và chúc lành cho những công việc mà đoàn chúng ta đang làm và sẽ làm trong tương lai.

Thân mến trong Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể,
Tr. Phanxicô Xaviê Vũ Cao Lập

The past....



is the foundation



For our future

From the editor's desk:



Dear reader:

This year has been a remarkable one. We have seen old and new faces back at TNTT as our numbers have soared. A Doan Truong who has just completed the second year of his presidency and has brought many new things to our program.

TNTT in all its life has never been as strong as it has been today. We are a much stronger and united group of people. We have the support of our church as they attend our parent meetings, come to our camps, and most of all, allow their children to attend TNTT. Our member count has never been this high before in all the years I have attended TNTT.

Looking back at the time I have spent with TNTT, I have seen a handful of my peers grow up to become Huynh Truong in our doan. I've seen all the Huynh Truong from the old days grow up and get married and have children. I have seen my friends leave TNTT despite my desire for them to stay, and new ones join TNTT. Many faces have come and gone but one thing will always remain. A piece of themselves. Everyone has left a piece of themselves in our history and it has helped us become what we are today. As the first of many more, this yearbook will draw on our history. The theme of this yearbook is looking at our past, which is the foundation for our future.

This year will be our 16th year together as we continue to grow. This is our "Sweet 16" and as one year comes to a close, we hope you enjoy the countless memories we have created, as we look ahead into the future for many more. We hope you enjoy Doan Anre Dung Lac's very first yearbook.

Happy 16th Birthday Doan Anre Dung Lac.

Enjoy,

Dinh Phan

Tuyên Ủy và Trợ Ủy



Lm. Đaminh Vũ Ngọc An



Sr. Cecilia Ngô Hoàng Thủy Tiên

Sr. Maria Nguyễn Thanh Huyền

Sr. Têrêsa Phạm Thị Thùy Dương

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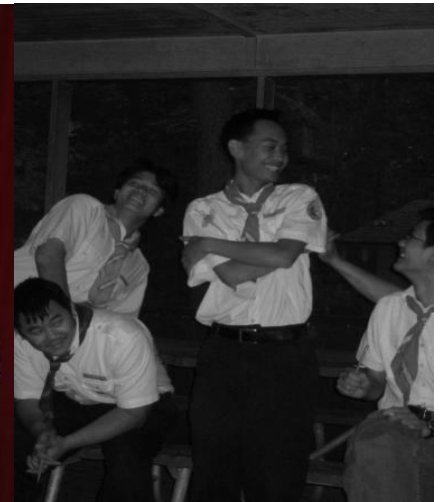


“A good teacher is like a candle – It consumes itself to light the way for others”



My favorite HT is Chi Phuong because she doesn't get mad easily and she seems patient; plus I like her walk.

—Mandy Pham, HS



A Huynh Truong's First Step

I remember standing in front of the church alongside my friends as Cha An handed to me the red scarf that I've sought-after for so long. Last November, I became a Huynh Truong, something that I've always wanted to be.

Growing up, I never really liked TNTT, I always thought it was boring and a waste of time. However, as I grew older and moved away to Seattle, where I attended their TNTT, I had a whole new outlook on it. I came back to Maryland with the hopes of one day I may be able to make a difference. As I received my red scarf I was full of hope for better days in TNTT.

My first few experiences as a HT were very troublesome. I never knew that HTs had such a tough time week after week. Kids didn't listen to me and I found myself being continuously frustrated with them. My lessons were ignored by and they would talk louder than me when I was speaking. It took me a long time before I was able to motivate them.

I learned a valuable lesson when I was able to finally reach out to the kids. A Huynh Truong isn't just a teacher who says a few words of wisdom and tells you what to do. We can't just teach them a few things about God, Morse code, or Phong Trao every week. There has to be more to it. We need to reach out to these kids and show them that we aren't just their teachers, but a friend. We have to get to know our kids and do the things they want to do sometimes.

This led to me planning more events outside of TNTT, to become closer with my Nghia Si. We would plan movie nights barbecues, and get togethers. The kids loved these events. From then on forward, the kids opened up to me.

Today, these kids look up to me and they talk to me. I've become a big part of their lives while they also have become a big part of mine. This year has been a memorable first year as a Huynh Truong. It was a tough at first but who said being a Huynh Truong was easy? If you love what you do, then it is definitely worth it. I only have this to say, the best has yet to come.

-Tr. Dinh Phan



*BOB (TR. VIET) is my favorite HT!
Oh and idk why. Oh right he doesn't
yell. ☺ AND HE'S NICE!*

- Judy Hoang, TN



Huynh Trưởng - Phụng Sự



Phanxicô Assi Đỗ Thanh Lĩnh



Cecilia Đỗ Ngọc Đan Uyên



Maria Đỗ Trúc Phương



Tôma Dương Hữu Đức



Maria Hoàng Mai Anh



Anastasia Lê Thùy Vân



Phaolô Nguyễn Nghĩa Bằng



Têrêsa Nguyễn Đông Phương



Inhaxiô Nguyễn Cao Trí



Phêrô Phan Quốc Định



Phanxicô Phan Quốc Việt



Gioan Kim Trần Phi Hổ



Antôn Trần Ngọc Thế Đức

Phanxicô Xaviê Vũ Cao Lập

Têrêsa Vương Thị Kim Trang



"The Man Behind The Myth"

--Getting to Know The Anh Lap--



Name: Lap Vu

Age: 27

How many years in TNTT: 15 years +

Favorite Hobby: *Surfing the internet (keeping yourself with up-to-date related activities)*

Favorite Food: Bánh Xèo

Favorite Movie: *The Rock (1996)*

Favorite Book: Wikipedia

Words to live by:

"Do what you can, with what you have, at where you are".

– Theodore Roosevelt

Anh Lap is one of the most hard working HT I've ever met. There aren't any words to describe his amount of dedication to TNTT. We appreciate his generosity and love him with all of our hearts. Anh Lap, you truly are the man, the myth, and a legend.

-Cindy Hoang, NS



Anh Lap is a dedicated man who devotes his time NOT sleeping or eating to make sure things run smoothly for TNTT.

-Thuy Van Le, HT

“Voice From the Past”

A retired HT's take on how TNTT has changed

“Thiếu Nhi bác ái một lòng, tim luôn quảng đại mới mong giúp người,” TNTT with a humble souls, always willing to help others whole-heartedly. This was my interpretation of 1 of the 10 Điều Tâm Niệm Thiếu Nhi that I still carry with me today. It has been more than a decade since I first stepped foot into this society, but it's the one foot that forever changed not only my life and my fellow TNTT members, but an entire church congregation.

Starting out as a 13 year-old “Ấu Nhi”, our confirmation class was bribed to join TNTT in order to obtain community service hours. We eventually became the “first class” of members in the history of TNTT at OLVN, and that definitely came with a sense of pride and authority. Because we were the “first class”, we did not have the full support of the church simply because we had yet to prove ourselves to be capable of contributing anything. But that didn't stop our class from doing whatever it took to make our existence known. We were loud at all sinh hoạt and church events; we always rolled up our sleeves to help out with whatever the church needed. Unfortunately, the huynh trưởng started conflicting with each other and a significant amount of them left. At the age of 16-17, most of us had no other choice but to become du trưởng and huynh trưởng in order to keep our doan alive. Even though there was little support from the church and a significant low number of doan sinh members, the bond of responsibility that we as huynh trưởng carried thrived so passionately in our hearts that it became our life. We ate, slept and breathed Thieu Nhi.

Looking now at our doan, it's amazing that with all the hard work of TNTT through the years, the barrier between church and Thieu Nhi is broken and TNTT is now a distinguished and trusted group in OLVN. It seems that Thieu Nhi is no longer in survival mode like decades before rather it is well preserved for generations to come. Doan sinh members capping out to about 130 members, it's incredibly humbling to see our bleak beginnings. Even though in this day and age, it seems that the difficult task ahead of our doan is to maintain and recruit more dedicated HT, but I refuse to believe that this difficulty cannot be overcome. We are TNTT after all, with pride in our blood and love for society, Thiếu Nhi bác ái một lòng, tim luôn quảng đại mới mong giúp người motto will forever ring in our hearts!

-Linda Hoang, Retired HT

My Time As Doan Truong and what I learned.



I remember when I was a Doan Truong many years ago. Oh, I think it's been more than 8 years now. My first term as Doan Truong was not by choice, it was like: you're the oldest one here with most experience in our doan, so you're our best candidate. I didn't go to many training camps so I ran into many problems and had to make decisions based on my limited knowledge. Trust me, it wasn't a good feeling when you're put in that position, but with lots of support from God and other Huynh Truong I managed till the next candidate came along.

As a Doan Truong everyone looks up to you to make the final decision. It was hard for me since I didn't know what I was doing. I learned that whatever decision I make should be what is best for our Doan now and in future and not which Huynh Truong I will satisfy. I also learned that Doan Truong is a big title to fulfill. It requires a lot of dedication, hardworking, and sacrifices. You cannot be a Doan Truong if you are not willing to work together as a team. I learned that it's good to keep an open mind, listen to others opinion and be willing to accept change. Doan Truong is not a dictatorship; you work together with Ban Thuong Vu as a team to make your Doan stronger. That is why it's good to listen what others have to say because sometimes their idea is better than yours. Two brains are always better than one.

My advice to our future Doan Truong: use who you have to help you, let them work with you. Don't do everything by yourself or else you will burn yourself out and that's just going to make you want to quit. Learn how to delegate work among your HT, know what they are good at and what they can help you with. If you don't let your HT help, they will get bored and quit. You don't want that either because here you are with 100 Doan Sinh and no help and you're running around like a chicken with no head trying to keep Doan together. You need to also understand not everyone think the same way as you. So don't expect all HT to do things your way. Give them room to be creative, let them put their two cents in also. The complete work might not look perfect to you and it absolutely doesn't look the way you wanted it to be. In the end it made that HT proud that he/she did that and no one outside knows it's not perfect but you. So it doesn't really matter that the color is wrong or it's crooked. You are here to help God do His work and He knows you're not perfect He allows you to be a free spirit; you should do the same with all HT.

Now that's what I learned when I was Doan Truong. If you ask "will you come back and be Doan Truong again?". My answer is no. Not that I don't love Thieu Nhi, it's just that I don't have the time or the full dedication to be Doan Truong. I won't be able to fulfill my duty if I don't give all time to TN, my concentration now are my kids. Maybe when they older I might consider but not now.

-Oanh Nguyen, Former Doan Truong

One Thing You <3 About TNTT!

Thuy Van Le: *Teamwork*

Lap Vu: *The Kids & Camping!*

Mai-Anh Nguyen: *The Love*

Duc Duong: *Camaraderie*

Duc Tran: *Everything!*

Linh Do: *Camping & Teamwork*

Phuong Nguyen: *Children Smiling*



Chi Thuy Van is my favorite because
she is super nice and funny. ☺

Andrew Vu, NS



What does it mean to be HT?

It means to be a person all the kids can look to for help and guidance and also someone they can trust and know they are in good hands when they are with the HT

Tr. Linh Do

It means waking up early on Sunday morning and making sure kids know how to get close to God and be active. It means communicating with kids and learn from them as they learn from me. It means being an exemplary person so they can look up to.

In short, HT is God's follower and kids' leader.

-Tr. Bang Nguyen



Your Time To Shine!



HS + NS



To Us



You Are our Future



To all our Hiep Si & Nghia Si:

This is your Huynh Truong, Tr . Dinh, speaking. This year has been great hasn't it? We've seen new faces and a growth in Thieu Nhi we have never seen before. I remember hearing you all talk about how TNTT was boring and such and such. But look at all that has changed from a year. I remember when we were on TNTT break during the winter last December and Dalena was asking when does TNTT start again because she had nothing to do. We're a much more lively group now aren't we? I know that we all love Thieu Nhi with all our hearts. Isn't it funny how the world works? One moment we find something as the most boring thing in the world, and in another moment, we can't get enough.

I've watched you all grow up, I've watched you all become better people, more understanding of one another, and most of all more friendlier with each other. Some of you guys still have ways to go and are a little closed up. But Hey! We're gonna get there, it won't be soon before long that you will be opening up to the rest of us.

Although I spent only half a year with all the current Hiep Si this year, it was a time I will always remember. My time with you guys was well spent. You guys attended most of the events I organized and as a result we are all close with one another. Don't let Anh Lap scare you guys too much in nganh Hiep Si! He's a nice guy underneath all that... all that... scariness. Shout out to Vi, Nancie, Michael, and Mandy. I can't believe that soon you guys will be Huynh Truong! Well... that's if you decide to stay in TNTT during your college years. I just want you guys who are deciding to go out of state for school, that wherever you go, TNTT will always be there waiting for you. I love old school Richard Marx. We are family. Can I get an Amen?!?!

To my Nghia Si, some of you will be moving on to Hiep Si soon, have fun with Anh Lap, try not to talk so much during his lessons or else he'll go ballistic unlike me. I know I tried and tried to teach you all the Nghia Si Ca, yet time and time again you keep forgetting it. I just wanted to say its okay, you'll learn it someday. Shout out to Dalena and Christy, you guys are awesome, even though you guys do talk a lot and sometimes ignore me.... and call me BobaJudea... But you guys still bring smiles to my face every week =).

All in all, this year has been great, from all our Nghia Si events to just simple days at Thieu Nhi. From all my years in TNTT, I don't think I've had any year better than this year. Its all thanks to you guys! I just wanna say THANK YOU!

To many more memories,

Tr. Dinh Phan

My Favorite TNTT Moment...

One of my favorite TNTT memories was BMM. I remember we prepared a dance for BMM and we practiced and practiced for days and weeks, the frustration we felt towards each other, the way we spoke to each other. We were dumb but now thinking about it, it was kind of funny too. We did a lot of things in preparation for BMM, other than the dance. We had to plan ahead on the practice dates, plan our outfits, go buy our outfits, and all that. Since we had no professional dancers we also had to choreograph on our own, which was quite the challenge, we even had THE Anh Lap step in and help us one day. But overall the dance was pretty legit. The ride to BMM was fun, we had so much fun in the car and when we got there we couldn't help but laugh and make jokes about how ghetto it was. Haha. And meeting up with all our friends from the other doans again was fun too, as well as making new friends. It was probably one of the best TNTT experiences I've ever had.

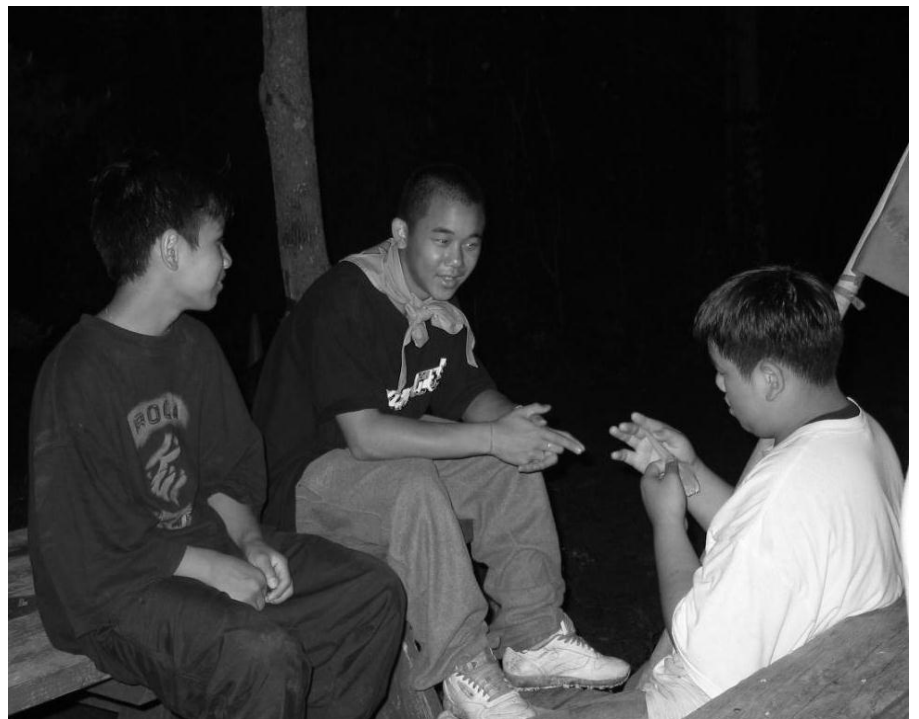
Andrew Vu, NS

I have a lot of tntt moments, and one of my favorite was helping my au nhi group during cho troi lon; it was their first camp and i was totally excited to come help out. During the big game, I really liked showing & helping them with everything they needed to know. After all that, I felt more responsible and gained more confidence in leading, and it helped me understand more of the importance of being a leader. Plus my au nhi team won the big game, so that's a bonus!

-Mandy Pham, HS

When I was a Thieu, we went laser tagging and I remember sneaking up on someone, who turned out to be Tram. She screamed so loud and started shooting me as many times as possible, it was insane. Haha, I never laughed so hard in my life. Every time I bring it up, it gets even more funnier. That's always going to be my favorite TNTT moment.

Cindy Hoang, NS





Hiệp Sĩ - Dẫn Thân



Christina Dang

Tram Dang

Paul Do

Diem Van Le



Truc Nguyen

Vi Nguyen

Mandy Pham

Michael Pham



Trung Phan

Nancie Vo

Not Pictured:

Jennifer Nguyen

Cuong Tran

Nghĩa Sĩ – Chinh Phục



Tien Bui
Cindy Hoang
Mai Thi Hoang
Caitlin Le



Quang Le
David Nghiem
Charles Ngo
Christy Nguyen



Theresa Nguyen
Samantha Nguyen
Quyen Nguyen
Tommy Nguyen



Ann Pham
Kim Pham
Henry Tran
Dalena Trinh



Tina Vo

Tommy Vo

Andrew Vu

Not Pictured:

Quynh Nhu Ha

Trinh Le

Elizabeth Pham

John Pham

Martin Nguyen

William Nguyen



Name one
thing you
like love
about
TTTT!

Cindy Hoang, NS: *CAMP!!!*

Nancie Vo, HS: *The people you meet & the friendships you make.*

Charlie Ngo, NS: *That we get together and hangout.*

Quang Le, NS: *Hanging out with the Nghia Si*

Mandy Pham, HS: *That we all look out for each other.*

Theresa Nguyen, NS: *CAMP!!*

Christy Nguyen, NS: *All the lovely people!*



I think I'm finally growing up - and about time.

-Elizabeth Taylor

My First Year in TNTT

This first year in TNTT has been full of new experiences. I was able to gain more knowledge about my faith while having fun too. I enjoyed the summer camps because it gave us time to bond outside of church. Through TNTT, I was able to meet many new people, especially from other states. The lessons and activities presented me with new thoughts and points of view of our church. I was able to understand more about the TNTT group too.



TNTT taught me about leadership and responsibilities within our religion. I was able to create tighter bonds with others through all of our events. I have really enjoyed this first year in TNTT because of the many new experiences. This year has brought me so many things to be thankful for. Joining TNTT has brought me closer to my faith and taught me more about being a catholic.

- Vi Nguyen, HS

Getting to Know Dalena & Christy

Dalena Trinh

Age: 14

Favorite Movie: Captain America

Favorite Hobby: Playing Instruments

Favorite Book: The Hunger Games

Favorite Song: Any Demi Lovato Song

Favorite Quote: The sentence: "Was it a car or a cat I saw" is the same backwards!!! Is your mind blown?!?!?



Fly



Fly

Soup

Soup

Christy Nguyen

Age: 13

Favorite Movie: Harry Potter 1-7.2

Favorite Hobby: Reading Harry Potter Books

Favorite Book: Harry Potter 1-7

Favorite Song: Harry Potter Theme Song (Hedwig's Theme Song)

Favorite Quote: "It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

- Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore



So full
of dreams...
of love...
of life...
This is Our **Thieu Nhi!**



*"Never underestimate a child's ability
to get into more trouble"*

-Martin Mull

Dear *Nganh Thieu*,

Howdy ya'll it's Truong Viet. Better known as Bob. Happy Sweet Sixteen! Our Doan *Anre Dung Lac* is sixteen years old already! Time sure flies! Think of the hundreds of people who've had the opportunity to wear the lovely blue scarf (the best color!) these past sixteen years. Hard to believe, but once upon a time, in the prehistoric era, when dinosaurs roamed, I too wore that blue scarf you are all wearing. Things have changed so much since then. Back then I didn't have YouTube, iPods, or FaceBook. I know some of you even have cell phones. You guys are definitely the most sophisticated bunch our Doan has ever seen. Don't be scared of change though, embrace it!

When I think about it, change has always been the most important part of being in *Nganh Thieu*. Out of all the other *nganh*, blue scarves without a doubt go through the most change. It never fails to amaze me to see how much you guys have matured in less than a year. Some of you weren't even up to my elbow and now you are getting taller than me! But you guys haven't just grown physically, you all have grown in so many other ways: socially, emotionally, and spiritually.

I remember the camping trip where it rained so much that the *Nganh Thieu* boy's tent collapsed. I think David, Tony, Ben, Viet, Brian, Colin, Cameron and Chris were all in it. I was tempted to go to sleep and let you guys chill outside in the cold, wet, dark night, but your parents would probably yell at me. If you guys were *Nganh Au* you probably would have been crying your eyes out. However, you were all troopers. You even helped to transport other "flood victims" to the dry pavilion. Cold, drenched, and without blankets I didn't hear one word of complaint from you. All I heard was laughter and joking around. Attaboys!

I remember Tet Trung Thu. It was so crowded this year. I want to say thanks to all the *Nganh Thieu* girls: Anh Thi, Judy, Xuan, Vivian, Thi, My Trinh, Mimi, Nhi, Danielle, Lillian, Khanh, and Victoria (to name a few). Tet Trung Thu usually means hard work and taking care of the game stations while other kids get to have fun. It shows me how grown and responsible you are when you have fun doing your jobs while making it a fun event for the little kids. Attagirls!

Next year will be different when some of you will move up to *Nganh Nghia*. Unfortunately, we can't stay in *Nganh Thieu* forever. So there are three things I want *Nganh Thieu* to remember. First, **don't be afraid of change** or growing up. Second, **respect one another**. I know there are little cliques inside our *nganh*, and not everyone gets along. You may not like a person, but there is no need for gossip or talking behind someone's back. You may not like them, but at least show some respect. We are all brothers and sisters in God. Third, **have fun**. Like I said above, we can't all be stuck in the same *nganh* forever; change is part of life. This year, some of us have lost loved ones. You all are mature enough to understand that death, like change, is a part of life. It's okay to mourn and cry for them, but remember to eventually dry your eyes and laugh for those who can't. Enjoy each God-given moment, spend time with your friends, and live life! Thank you for a wonderful year!

Tr. Viet aka Bob

Getting to Know Thi & Long

Thi Nguyen



Name: Thi Nguyen

Age: 13

Favorite Movie: Captain America

Favorite Book: Green Eggs & Ham_by Dr. Seuss

Favorite Song: Mistletoe – Justin Bieber

Favorite Food: Cookies

Quote: “Never Back Down” – Alex Popeck

Long Nguyen

Name: Long Nguyen

Age: 11

Favorite Movie: Paranormal Activity

Favorite Book: Sorry I don't read

Favorite Song: Stereo Hearts – Gym
Class Heroes

Favorite Food: Cookies

Quote: “Cool Story, Bro” – Some Bro





My most favorite moment in TNTT was when we went on our Niem Vui camping trip. I remembered that it rained so hard we couldn't do anything and when anh Lap had to give out the ribbons he would stand in the rain to give them out. That was my favorite moment from TNTT.

-Ben Vu, TN

Your Favorite TNTT Moment...

My favorite Thieu Nhi memory is when we went camping. It rained so much and I didn't mind but it rained so hard I couldn't sleep and the boys tent got flooded. I thought it was pretty funny. It rained the 2 days we were there so technically it was the best worst camp ever!

-Judy Hoang, TN

My favorite moment in TNTT is camping. It was my favorite because I got to get to know my friends better and in a fun way with others. It was also AWESOMELY fun because of the games and the activities we do. I hope we go camping again.

-David Trinh, TN



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SINH!



Thieu Nhi:

Rebellious – Trying to Understand Life – Full of Questions

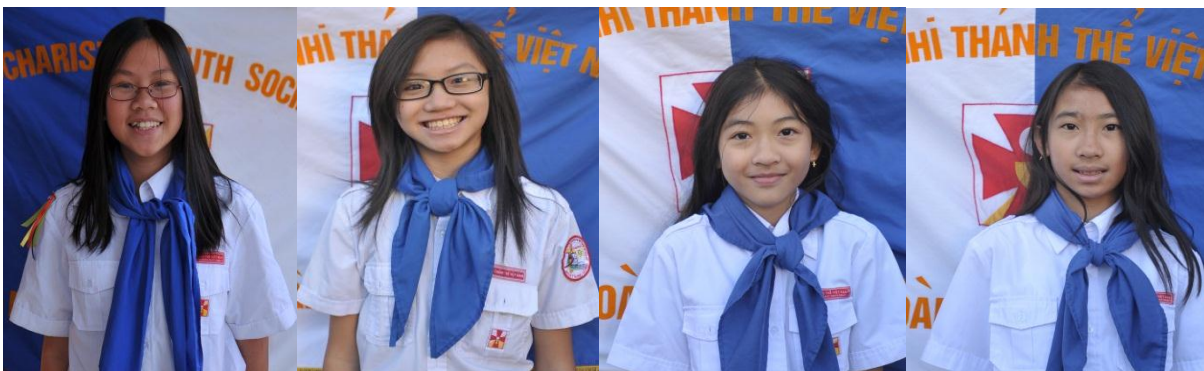
Thiếu Nhi – Học Sinh



Thuy Bui
Nhi Dang
Michelle Dang
Khanh Do



Trung Duong
Judy Hoang
Viet Lai
Lillian Lam



Michelle Lam
Anh Thi Le
Kristine Le
Theresa Le



Ben Nguyen
Brian Nguyen
Chris Nguyen
Colin Nguyen



Danielle Nguyen

David Nguyen

Dennis Nguyen

Jimmy Nguyen



Khang Nguyen

Long Nguyen

Thi Nguyen

Xuan Nguyen



Cameron Pham

Loc Pham

Loi Pham

Vivian Pham



Binh Than

Andy Tran

Brian Tran

My Trinh Tran



Tobi Tran
Brian Trinh
David Trinh
An Vo



Mimi Vo
Steven Vo
Tony Vo
Vanessa Vo



Ben Vu
Madeline Vu

Not Pictured:

Linda Bui
Thai Binh Cao
Danny Le
Dulcie Le
Tommy Le
Sandy Nguyen
Victoria Nguyen

"My First Year of TNTT"

My first year of Thieu Nhi was AMAZING! When I first joined I thought all we would do all year is just sit around and do nothing. But all I did was the opposite of nothing! I got to go on field trips like camping, Laser tagging, Philadelphia, Field of Screams, and the National Shrine. I think the best part of the field trips were the car rides. I sat in the trunk with my friend Thi Nguyen, I tied people's shoes together with David Trinh, and I laughed really hard with Judy Hoang, Michelle Dang, and Huynh Truong, Linh Do. It was THE best times of my life.

At first, I thought joining Thieu Nhi would be a really bad idea, but then I met Tony Vo, Thi Nguyen, Khanh Do, and so many others. I think Thieu Nhi is REALLY fun! You would always play games or learn new things. Every Sunday, I wake up and I'm so happy and excited because I get to go to Thieu Nhi and it just makes my day. Everyone is SUPER nice and really fun. I am so glad I joined Thieu Nhi. Best decision I've ever made!

-Vivian Pham, TN

I love that we have the
best field trips

ANH LAP!

CHA AN!

CAMPING TRIPS!!!

Spiffy Uniforms

Jesus!

NEW FRIENDS

what do you
Love The Most
About TNTT?

EVERYTHING!!!

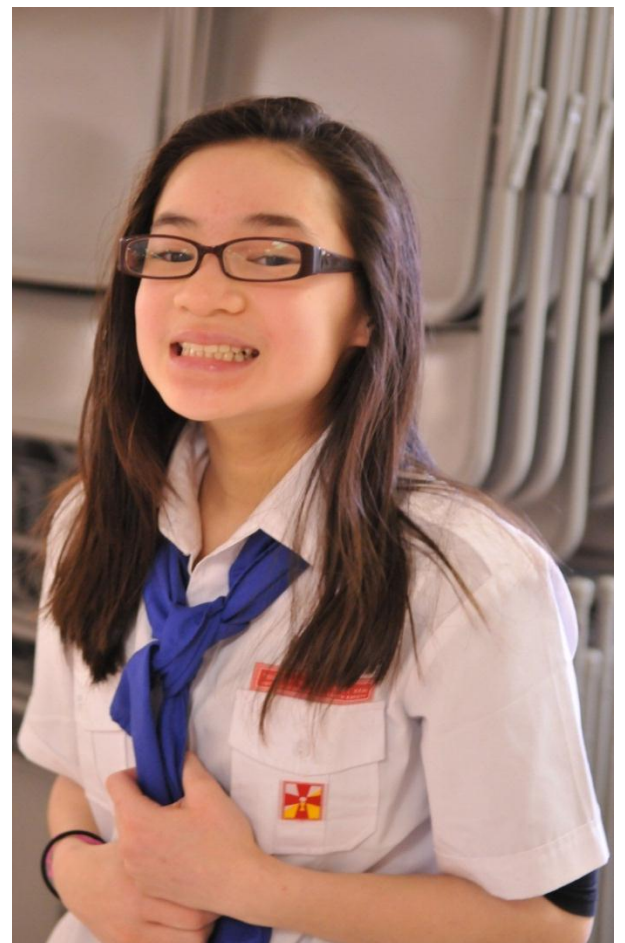
Lasting friendships

Tet Trung Thu

MY SCARF



"I am the light of the world"
- John 8:12





Every Step I
Take I Take
With You!!!



AU NHI!!!!!!!!!!!!

NGOAN!!!!!!





-Joyful

-Full of Life

-Care Free





NA!

NA!

NA!

NA!

NA!

NA!

Dear My Adorable Au Nhis,

This is your “lovely” Trương Phương. I joined Đoàn Anrê Dũng Lạc almost thirteen years ago. At the time, I was in Nghĩa Sĩ. Thiếu Nhi has become a part of my life so unexpectedly. I feel like something is missing when we don’t have sinh hoạt. Through Thiếu Nhi, I met some individuals who later become close friends with me and I grow to have more faith in God. Thiếu Nhi helps me understand more about the church because I need to know what I’m teaching you guys.

It has been a year since I first met many of you au nhi. I want to let you know that I enjoy being with you and I look forward to seeing you at church every Sunday. I have to say that even though you drive me crazy when you try to be louder than Huynh Truong and you would not stay still for more than one minute but you make me smile even more. I smile every time I think of little girls with adorable puppy eyes, curly hair, toothless smile, and little boys with naughty grin whenever they want to ask for something. I love to see the look on your faces when you learn something new or get to play your favorite games or when you see Tr. Trang holding a bag of treats to be given out. I love to see how you play the games with all your strength and ability. Remember the Au Nhi camp back in August when it rained so much? Many of you were stuck in your tent and Tr. Lập came up with the idea to escort everyone to the church’s basement under the huge tent cover. All your clothes were wet. You put on the most interesting costume using clear trash bags to go outside for the game. Despite everything, you finished the Journey of Faith and the Spiritual Fire late at night without much complaint. The memories will be with me for a very long time.

Next year, some of you will move on to Ngành Thiếu, aka the “blue scarf”. I encourage you to continue to get to know our big brother Jesus and explore the religion by reading the bible and living the four mottos of Thiếu Nhi: prayer, communion, sacrifice, and doing community service. I wish and I hope Thiếu Nhi can help you navigate through the confusing journey of growing up. Whenever you feel lost, pray so Jesus can walk along your side to help you through.

Love,

Tr. Phương

Ấu Nhi - Ngươn



Thang Bach

Thy Chau

Emily Dinh

Lilian Dinh



An Do

Tran Duong

Helen Ho

Gabriel Huynh



Steven Huynh

Steven Lac

Andrew Le

Anh Mi Le



Anh Vi Le

Amy Nguyen

Brandon Nguyen

Brenda Nguyen



Clinton Nguyen

Jessica Nguyen

Kelly Nguyen

Kevin Nguyen



Lee Nguyen



Nga Nguyen



Stephanie Nguyen



Steven Nguyen



Tam Nguyen



Tammy Nguyen



Vincent Nguyen



Han Pham



Ngan Pham



Van Pham



Rita Quach



Daniel Trinh



Diana Trinh



Chris Tran



Eric Tran



Holly Tran



Vi Tran



Vincent Tran



Brian Vo



Oanh Vo



Tony Vo



Vina Vo




Victoria Vo




Anthony Vu

My Favorite Au Nhi Moment




Playing funny
games with
Truong Linh 😊

-Rita



Camping in
the back of
the church!!!

-Holly



Spending time with
friends

-Vy

Getting to know...

Jessica Nguyen + Anthony Vu

Jessica Nguyen

Age: 10

Favorite Food: Cereal

Favorite Movie: Kung Fu Panda 2

Book: Confetti Girl

Song: Price Tag – Jessie J



Anthony Vu

Age: 8

Favorite Food: Apples

Favorite Movie: Kung Fu Panda 2

Favorite Book: One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

Favorite Song: Britney Spears - Toxic

What do you Love about TNTT?

Getting to see my
friends

-Stephanie

Learning about
Jesus

-Vincent

Learning songs
and dances

-Caitlin

All the fun events

-Daniel



What

We Love

About

TNTT . . .

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SUMMER CAMPS!!!



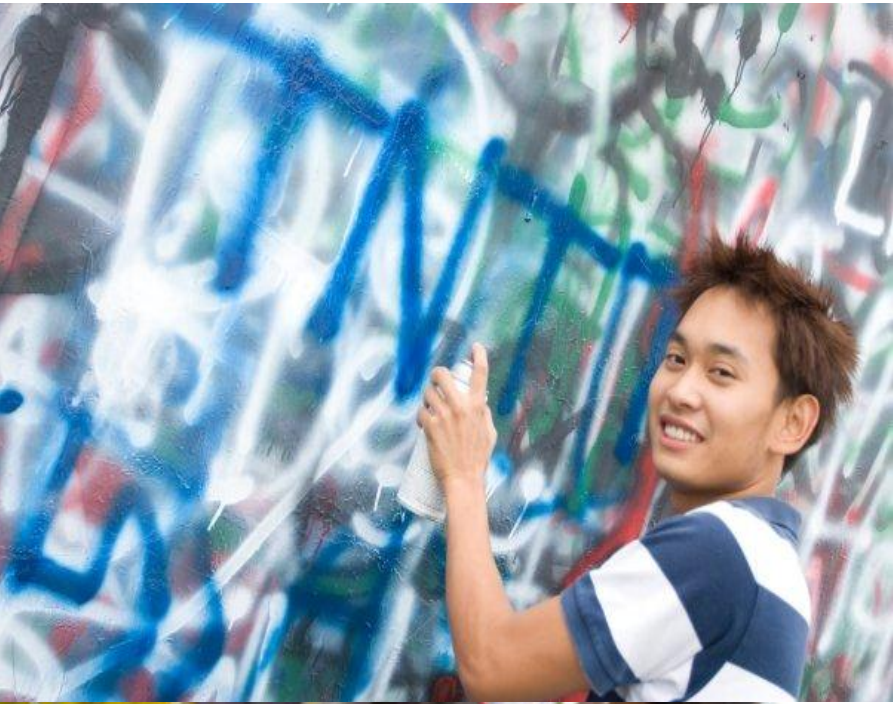


Trips!!!

To

Everywhere!





Friendliest:

Anh Thi Le, TN

Tina Hang Vo, NS

Trung Phan, HS



Best Smile:

David Trinh, TN

Ann Pham, NS

Jennifer Nguyen, HS

CLASS CLOWN:

Long Nguyen, TN

Charlie Ngo, NS

Paul Do, HS



Most Spirited:

Vivian Pham, TN

Cindy Hoang, NS

Mandy Pham, HS

Athletic:

Tony Vo, TN

Theresa Nguyen, NS

Diem Van Le, HS

Most Talkative:

Ben Vu, TN

Dalena Trinh, NS

Vi Nguyen, HS



Best Hair:

Thuy Bui, TN

Quang Le, NS

Vi Nguyen, HS

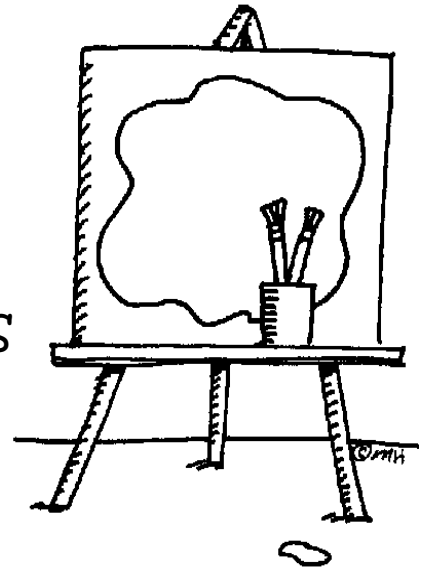


Best Dressed:

Loi Nguyen, TN

Samantha Nguyen, NS

Truc Nguyen, HS



Most Huggable:

Khanh Do, TN

Tien Bui, NS

Jennifer Nguyen, HS



Most Artistic:

Danielle Nguyen, TN

Samantha Nguyen, NS

Nancie Vo, HS



Most Likely To Be Famous:

Kristine Le, TN

Quang Le, NS,

Michael Pham, HS

Most Likely to be Doan Truong:

Dennis Nguyen, TN

Andrew Vu, NS

Nancie Vo, HSx

Most Talented:

Danielle Nguyen, TN

Kim Pham, NS

Michael Pham, HS

most likely to become a priest/nun:

christopher nguyen. TN

mai thi hoang. ns

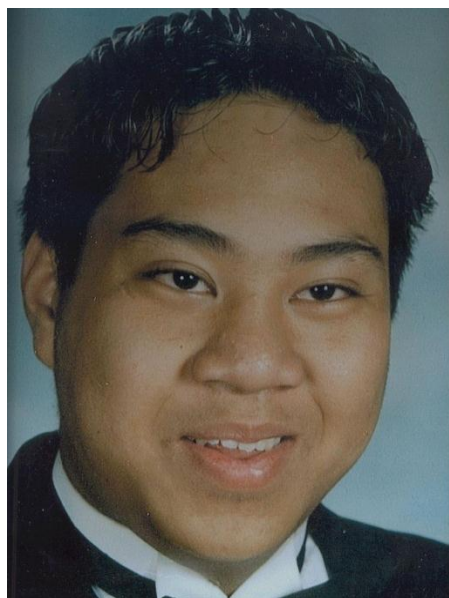
TRUC NGUYEN. HS



*A Moment
of Silence...*



In Loving Memory of...



Joseph Phi An Cao
(1986 – 2010)



Mgr. Peter Nguyen
Thanh Long
(1937 – 2007)



Mary Linda Trinh
(1983 – 2005)







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*Jesus I love you, come into my
heart and remain with me
forever.*

***Lạy Chúa Giêsu Thánh Thể. Con yêu mến
Chúa. Xin Chúa ngự vào tâm hồn con và
ở lại với con luôn mãi.***

SADNESS FEAR
anger
TEARS frustration
revenge
PAIN HATE
abandoned

...sometimes it hard to see, but it's always there.



**I want YOU
FOR
TNTT**

Nearest Recruiting Station:

St. Andrew Dung Lac Charter