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*F*ather Phong was born in the city of Da-Nang, Vietnam to a family of ten siblings – three girls and seven boys. On April 30, 1975 when the whole country of Vietnam fell under Communism, Fr. Phong was separated from his family who eventually made their way to the United States and settled in Port Arthur, Texas. Three years later, he escaped the Communist Vietnam by boat to Hong Kong and was reunited with his family as a political refugee. At age 16 he left the hot climate of the South and entered the St. Joseph High School Seminary of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, MI and was ordained a priest in June 1991.

Spurred by a profound desire to serve the poor and in particular those of his native land, in 2008 Fr. Phong was incardinated to the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa, Vietnam. For more than 10 years he took residence in Lakeview, a little town of Michigan and has begun serving as the Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa as well as the General Coordinator of the people of Thanh-Hoa living in North America. On weekends, on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, he visited Catholic Churches throughout the United States to make appeal for the world's poorest. In

2016, Fr. Phong has accepted Pope Francis' invitation and has become a Papal Missionary of Mercy.

In the fall of 2018, Fr. Phong was ordered by his superior to relocate to the Eastcoast to be near to the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa who are studying abroad and especially in the Boston area. Fr. Phong submitted his request for residency to Cardinal O'Malley and the Archdiocese of Boston. On Wednesday of Holy Week 2019, his request was officially granted. Since June 2019, Fr. Phong has been journeying and serving the people of the Quincy Catholic Collaborative as their parochial vicar. On December 2019, Fr. Phong was asked additionally to assist the Vietnamese Catholics of the Parish of Sacred Heart, East Boston.

In a spirit of humility, trust and gratitude, Fr. Phong is very honored to be assigned by Cardinal O'Malley as the administrator of St. Clement's Parish Family beginning in August 2020. Please keep him in your prayers so that he will be a worthy instrument of God and a loving, compassionate servant of God's people.