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Reverend Phong Q. Pham, Pastor  
Blessed Andrew Phu Yen Parish  
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Dear Fr. Phong,

Although I am sad to see you leave us, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent work establishing Blessed Andrew Phu Yen Parish at Saint Clement Church. You were the founding pastor and you brought great joy and excitement to the Vietnamese and English-speaking parishioners and to me as the regional bishop.

Right after you arrived you began to greet the people and decorate the church with flowers, and I received reports that you were already making people feel at home. I knew that we had found the right priest to begin what I hoped for when I first met the people of the Vietnamese communities.

Every time I have visited your parish, it was clear to me that things were heading in the right direction, and that the people were being led by you in faith, hope and love.

Now we are at a new crossroads. You are returning to the diocese where you feel most at home, and I wish you all the best in your ministry ahead. Please know of my gratitude for your good work at Blessed Andrew Phu Yen Parish and that I remain your friend.

Please keep this beautiful parish in your prayers,

Your brother in Christ,

Bishop Mark O'Connell  
Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, North Region