



August 30, 2025

Dear Confreres,

Vocation ministry remains one of the most vital and challenging ministries in our community. Fr. Henry Nguyen has faithfully and generously served in this role, representing the Priests of the Sacred Heart at numerous vocation conferences and events, while also building meaningful connections with youth groups. He has responded generously to the needs of the province, and I am sincerely grateful for his willingness to undertake this ministry so early in his priesthood. Through his dedication, Fr. Henry has helped make our Congregation more visible and known, especially among young people.

As we look to the future, it is important that Fr. Henry have the opportunity to deepen his pastoral experience within parish life and remain firmly grounded in community. To support this, we are preparing for a transition in the Vocation Office that will allow him the time and space to grow in these areas. I am confident that what Fr. Henry has planted will continue to flourish and will support the next team of vocation directors as they build upon his good work.



Effective November 1, Fr. Hendrik Ardianto ("Fr. Ardi") will lead the Vocation Office, while continuing to serve from his base in Mississippi. As discussed during our last council meeting and brainstorming session, we will proceed with a team-based model—a vision I have shared since the start of my first term as provincial superior, and I am now working to make it a reality.

Joining Fr. Ardi on the vocation team will be:

- Fr. Rafael Querobin
- Fr. Marius Ari Saputra
- Fr. Jack Kurps
- Fr. Paul Phong Hoang

They will continue their ministries and will be further supported by the Vocation Committee, whose members will be appointed at the next Provincial Council meeting.

The vocation team will meet in the coming weeks to brainstorm on ways to work more closely and effectively together. The meeting is not only to strengthen collaboration but also to shape concrete steps for carrying out their shared vision of vocation ministry. It will be a time for them to listen to one another, share creative ideas, and discern practical strategies that can help us accompany those discerning God's call.



I ask for your prayers and support as we move through this time of transition. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide our efforts in fostering vocations and nurturing the next generation of SCJ religious.

Once again, I thank Fr. Henry for his generous ministry as vocation director. His new assignment will be announced soon. I also appreciate the members of the new vocation team for their "yes."

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Lee".