



Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer U.S. Assumption Province

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A POST-MARIAN DAYS 2024 LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO THE CITIZENS OF CARTHAGE

Dear Mr. Mayor and the People of the City of Carthage,

Vietnamese people from all over the United States and other parts of the world gathered for the 45th Marian Days Celebration on August 1-4. During those few days, we truly believe that they experienced a wonderful sense of community here in Carthage through your many kind gestures and warm welcome. We, the Brothers and Priests of the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer (CRM), would like to join them to express our heartfelt gratitude for your friendly support, which made the 45th Marian Days such another memorable celebration. We are certain that your hospitality was a wonderful way for those who came here to discover the beauty of being in Southern Missouri.

Particularly, we wish to express our most sincere thanks and gratitude to all the beloved citizens of Carthage, especially to our neighbors for your never-ending hospitality in welcoming the pilgrims into your houses and properties for family gatherings. Your kindness says much about your love for them. We also would like to express our gratitude to Reverend Dustin Ledford of the Church of the Nazarene, and Reverend Tony Allmoslecher and Reverend John Mouton of the Fairview Christian Church in Carthage, for permitting the Marian Days' participants to use your church's parking lot. We are also deeply grateful to the First Baptist Church and First Methodist Church for generously providing shuttle buses for transportation for the pilgrims throughout the celebration.

In a very special way, we wish to express our deepest appreciation to our Mayor, The Honorable Dan Rife; Traci Cox, the Interim City Administrator; the City Council members; the impressive works of Police Chief Bill Hawkins; Captain Chad Dininger; Patrol Division Lieutenant Jeff Pinnell; Police Training Lieutenant Eric Miller; the Carthage Police Department; and Deputy Fire Chief Jason Martin and the Carthage Fire Department. You all diligently worked together under very challenging circumstances in order to provide a peaceful celebration.

Finally, we would like to apologize for any inconveniences that we might have caused our dear people of Carthage during these days. We humbly ask for your forgiveness and understanding. Once again, thank you for your many wonderful gestures of hospitality given to us and the Vietnamese people and for supporting us to host this annual event. May God continue to bestow his rich blessings upon all of you, your families, and loved ones.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

(Very Rev.) Paul M. Tai Van Tran, CRM
Provincial Minister