

TESTIMONIALS FOR BROTHER RAPHAEL PHANDINH, FSC

At the time of Br. Raphael's passing, it was six years and two weeks since I began working at DLSI Finance Dept. To me, one of the rare privileges' of working here at MLS, has been getting to meet and interact with the Brothers as they come in and out of the offices in passing as they conduct their business

I have to say Br. Raphael will always hold a special place in my heart. Such a dear sweet man, with the most beautiful penmanship until the end. He was very disciplined at corresponding with his family, of which he was so proud, as well as his many colleagues. More than this however, was his devotion to his Faith and knowledge to Whom he belonged.

One Friday afternoon Br. Raphael came by for a few stamps for his correspondence and I asked him, "Br. Raphael, what will you be doing this weekend?" Without out hesitation, and a smile on his face, he said, "I will be preparing for Eternity". His words struck my heart of the seriousness of his devotion as well as his sense of purpose. . . I will be looking for him one day. "En attendant de nous revoir, mon cher frère " (*"Until we meet again, my dear Brother"*)

Renee Bartlett

Frere Raphael Phan, Dinh was so close to myself and my family. I met frere Raphael Phan, Dinh the first time when Frere Vital Luke Nguyen, Quang took us to Napa to visit him. Frere Rapahel was a kind and warm person. He reminded me of my late frere Amede vo, Mai Van with the smile and gentle manner. Frere Raphael Phan never forgot to email a birthday wish to my father on 04/14 (a day after his Birthday), nor a birthday wish to my birthday. Sometime, Frere Raphael took me and my family around to pick avocados and oranges or visited the animals. He remembered each and every one of us by name. He always welcomed us with a warm smile when we visited him and then invited us to tour his community, his chapel and his room. He even played piano and organ for us and ate lunch with us. I did not know that my visit to him on Halloween was the last time and also the last time I could have the pleasure to eat with him. I missed him on his 70 years Jubilee in San Francisco and learned that he was very sick. I am so sorry that I could not visit him and attend his funeral. My uncle was about to die that day. My uncle is now with you and god. Frere Raphael, I will remember you always my dear frere. In the church yesterday, I prayed for you and I remembered you. I could not say happy birthday to you any more frere Raphael.

Rest in Peace with our God.

Cecile KimLien Tu