

March 31, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the request of Bishop Murray Finck I started to mentor Pr. Van Tran on October of 2004. My charge was to mentor him in his Theological studies and requirements to become a Lutheran Pastor. The course of study outlined by the Seminary would take us two years. Pr. Van and I met every Thursday morning for 2 hours + for 24 months. He would also travel to the Seminary in Berkeley Ca. every quarter for a week to take additional classes from the faculty. Then I would work with him on the papers and other requirements for the classes. At the end of the long and sometimes frustrating journey Pr. Van was ordained by Bishop Finck in a joyful celebration at King Of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley, Ca.

During those months of studying and working together I became very well acquainted with Pr. Van. In my opinion there is no finer servant of Christ. He is one of the most committed and dedicated men of God I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He loves Jesus Christ with all of his heart, soul and mind. I have also witnessed tremendous personal sacrifice on his part for the sake of the Kingdom.

God has blessed him with many pastoral gifts that he uses so effectively for the spreading of the Gospel. He is a natural leader. This gift is so obvious as he shepherds his flock and takes his place as a dynamic religious leader in the local Vietnamese community.

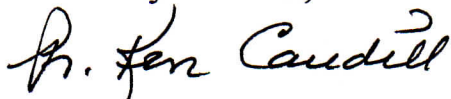
Pr. Van is also a team player. He loves being part of a staff and using his gifts for the larger ministry.

Pr. Van has a wife who is such a tremendous helpmate to him. Bai is a gracious and lovely woman of God. She radiates the fragrance of Jesus.

May God continue to bless Pr. Van and his ministry.

It is my privilege to write this letter on his behalf.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pr. Ken Caudill". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pr. Ken Caudill