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## Salutation,

We hope this letter finds each of you filled and aware of the spirit and love of Christ. Now that we have entered into the summer season, it's an opportunity for vacations, for summer classes and for much needed family time. On the weekend, of August 28-30, 2009 the Northeast region of our Dong Hanh family will be hosting its first ever S.E.E.D. (Search, Explore, Experience, Develop) retreat. The retreat is designed specifically for our youths age 8-13. It is our hope that the retreat will be a catalyst for our youth to begin their lifelong, spiritual journey with the Lord. In addition to having relevant topics geared towards the youth, what makes this retreat so special and so inherent of our Dong Hanh spirituality is that the parents of the participating youths will also attend the retreat and experience this journey with their child. As a result, extraordinary graces have been received from previous S.E.E.D. retreats. Families have bonded and their relationships have flourished. The S.E.E.D. retreat has really helped develop a wonderful foundation for their relationship with each other and with God.

While the planning committee is excited and committed to their service, we face certain realities that hinder our ability to properly facilitate this retreat. In addition to the expenses of each retreatant, a team of leaders is needed to ensure the retreat is properly implemented. This includes their travel expenses, training, and room and board. Further, there are a number of expenses necessary for materials and travel expenses for the priest that we must cover.

Our DH brothers and sisters, we are here to ask for your financial support of this remarkable retreat. We recognize the very difficult times we all face and the frugality in which we must exercise in allocating our finances. However, your support will be the foundation by which our youth will begin their lifelong spiritual journey with Jesus Christ. We invite you to reflect on all the special moments you've shared with God during your own journey and consider what a blessed gift it would be to help our youth down that same path by planting that seed. We ask you to continue to pray for the planning committee and especially the families that will be attending the retreat.

**AMDG** 

In His Name,

BPV - S.E.E.D. Northeast

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