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Sursum corda!

Hong Kong, 18 May, 2014-05-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Salesian Family and other Religious Families,

The peace of the Lord be with you always! I come to you with a request for prayer. It is this.

Perhaps you have already received the news of the very grave illness of our dear Fr. Vincent Liang Ding Shiung. The doctors say that there is nothing more they can do to avoid his death in the near future. For us it is the time to believe in the possibility of miracles. If Fr. Vincent recovers, it will certainly be a miracle.

Therefore, I ask you, as a community, to make a Novena asking for the miracle of Fr. Vincent's recovery, relying on the intercession of the Servant of God Don Carlo Braga, a former China Province Salesian Provincial, whose Cause of Beatification and Canonization is in process. On the one hand, Don Carlo Braga needs to obtain from God a miracle, so as to make possible his Beatification and Canonization. On the other hand, we still badly need Fr. Vincent as the spiritual director and confessor of so many confreres, religious sisters, and faithful.

I suggest the Novena for Fr. Vincent Liang begin on 25 May, 2014 and end on Monday, 02 June, 2014.

The Novena for Fr. Vincent Liang may take this simple form: Recitation in common of the "Prayer to implore the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Don Carlo Braga" (attached below).

Let us pray with the faith inspired by Jesus words in the Gospel: "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." (Mark 11:23-24)

Confident that you will respond "one heart and one soul" to my appeal, I am, in Jesus Mary Joseph DonBosco,

Yours affectionately,

Fr. Lanfranco M. Fedrigotti

PRAYER TO IMPLORE THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT
OF GOD DON CARLO BRAGA

Father most powerful and merciful,
through Mary the Mother of Jesus, you formed St. John Bosco as the father and teacher of youth.

You also sent sent his children to transmit the Salesian charism to China.

Your faithful servant Don Carlo Braga, with extraordinary love, brought your light and warmth to
many our fellow countrymen.

We pray, show your will to glorify your faithful servant, raise him to the glory of the altar, so that
he may be for us a shining example of love.

Father, through the intercession of Don Carlo Braga, give us the grace of the recovery of Fr.
Vincent Liang Ding Shiung.

Holy be your name!

Your will be done!

Amen.