



SEMESTER 1 GRADUATION

At the end of semester 1, ten students graduated. Eight students finished during the semester as their next course started or borders opened and they were able to travel. It was our fifth semester of blended or online classes and once again the students excelled in reaching the benchmarks of their courses. You can watch the Graduation ceremony by clicking on the link on this page. ELSPM is ready to welcome new students as they arrive as well as those who will continue online



CONGRATULATIONS!

Your wisdom, dedication and kindness as our teachers will always lead us to the right path and inspire us to be better human beings.

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ADVANCED ENGLISH

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This is a great opportunity for me to deliver an address on behalf of all the students in the advanced class. Time is flying fast like a rocket and will never return.

First and foremost, I would want to express my appreciation to Fr. Brian Gleeson and Fr. Kevin Hennessy. They urged us to continue with this program in ELSPM. Due to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, all of our plans had to be put on hold. The addition of the advanced class provided us with more opportunities to develop our English abilities. Here, we've learned and discussed fascinating topics with Sister Margaret and instructor Margaret Hughes. We expanded our grammatical knowledge with our teacher Robyn, and we use this to present lessons to our classmates in EAP. In addition, we attended the Biblical exegesis lessons, every Friday, with Father Michael. Finally, we met each week with our counsellor Ian to discuss and write two information reports. Through this section, we learned how to build a report based on the feedback we have gathered.

At this special time, on behalf of all the students in the Advanced English class, and from the bottom of my heart I would like to express our gratitude to our teachers: Sr. Margaret, Margaret H, Robyn, Ian, and Fr. Michael for all you have done for us. Thank you so much!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HBldU9Z06BE>





STUDENT ADDRESS HUONG AND YEGI

Each semester one or two of the EAP students gives the address on behalf of the students who are graduating.

We all came to ELSPM with the aspirations of youth, from many different cultures, different voices but we had the same goal, to improve our English language and contribute our best to this society, and to each of our communities. Every student has had a great experience during the past semester. We have learned a lot from you, teachers, tutors and classmates at ELSPM. We would like to express our gratitude to our teachers who are enthusiastic, passionate and loving. You have treated us very precious, and are always patient with us. I think our teachers taught us not only English skills but also we could learn about how can we love and communicate with each other. Thank you for working so hard with us, in particular, during the Covid pandemic situation, it was not easy to teach, nevertheless, our teachers did the best for us! Really thanks that! We will never forget your huge love and our great moments!

Thank you so much! God bless you!

Our special thankfulness also goes to Ian, our dear student counsellor. Thank you so much for your useful sharing, timely words of encouragement and your kind concern for all students at ELSPM.

‘You always listened to our feelings, emotions, difficulties and joys, with patience and a generous heart.’

We thank you very much, our dear Fr. Michael. Your presence every Friday gave us the opportunity to listen to God’s word. We have one more chance to develop ourselves, not only our knowledge of English but also about how to become more like Jesus in our consecrated life. You always patiently explained and always created the most comfortable learning environment for us. Thanks to that, we have more experience in understanding the word of God and how to connect the readings of the day together.

And to Fr. Kevin, you are always with us at our important events like today’s graduation ceremony. We believe that you are always here spiritually and we are in your prayers and thoughts. It is a great encouragement to us. Thank you!



We are really thankful to our classmates. You always encourage us and show us Jesus’ love. Thanks for being our friends. We will not forget our precious moments together! Even though we cannot see each other after class, we keep each other in our prayer! God love and bless you! We can still keep in touch!

We would like to say thanks to our church, our congregational leaders and community members.

‘Thank you for praying for us every day.’

Finally, as Seneca said: “Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.” We won’t end here, we are just taking a break from each other so that each person can walk on their own path to fulfill their own aspirations. We will have many meeting points, especially in our prayers for each other.

On behalf of all the students at ELSPM, We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone and hold you in our hearts, for being a part of every student’s life at ELSPM.





FAREWELL TO OUR FRIENDS

Those who left during the semester:

Truong, Sheikh, Agustina, Nga, Vi, Oanh, Bich Tram,

We wish you all well in your next step in life.

Those who graduated at the end of the semester:

Yegi, Huong, Tai, Thoai, Ca, Phuc, Tien, Huy, Truong and Nam,

'Take your candle and go light your world'



THANKS FROM THE RNDM SISTERS

Dear Sister Margaret and all of teachers at ELSPM,

Profoundly in our hearts, we would love to express our gratitude to you and all the teachers at ELSPM. Especially Ian, Jackie, Jeff, Mary, Margaret H, Elizabeth, Sr Margaret and Fr. Michael who directly guided and accompanied us in the past courses. It is fortunate for us to learn and improve our English at ELSPM. Surely, it is really constructive for our future missions. Thank you for the lessons and topics you gave us in class. You have worked hard and dedicated to impart your knowledge and skills in English to us. Although we were not directly present in the classroom, we still experience your love, care, guidance, and encouragement. You always motivate and challenge us to go further and further in learning. Not ceasing at what we already know, but we have to move forward to the new horizon of knowledge. In addition, you surprised us with an in-advance graduation ceremony. We really appreciate that thoughtfulness.

We left Thu Duc and moved to another place for the new journey of our consecrated lives. We began our retreat a week ago. Please keep us in your prayers for this new journey. We regretted that we were unable to attend the course until its end as well as not attending the graduation ceremony. However, we promise we are going to pray for its success and blessing, as well as for the expanding of the school with more and more new students.

Once again, please receive from us our profound gratitude. May God always be with you and bless all your plans.

With many thanks and prayers

Nga, Tram Vi and Oanh

RNDM Sisters



Thanks to Tri CP for the Graduation photographs



Bless the road that carries you



CHALLENGE

DONATED BOOKS TO SET UP LIBRARIES

Background:

It is with heartbreaking sadness that the plan to set up two libraries in Myanmar is no longer possible due to the military taking over the country again in February 2020.

History:

Previously, Myanmar had been under a Military Junta from 1962 to 2011 and over those 50 years the people were living cut off from the world. All schools were nationalised and Church property was confiscated. After 2011, when things started to change, the bishops of Myanmar identified education as one of their key pastoral concerns with a major focus for professional development and training of young teachers.

Catholic Mission began working with bishops and educators to strengthen educational outcomes for children, by sharing skills, training teachers and developing infrastructure to revolutionise a new nationwide school system. A number of schools donated books and subject resources to send to Myanmar. This has not been able to happen but the books are ready and currently packed with shrink wraps housed at St Vincent de Paul's warehouse in Tottenham. Can you use them?

Please know that TradeMark Logistics International (PTY) LTD are prepared to send the books and funding is available for this. If you can use the books please contact Sr Margaret, ELSPM Academic Manager for further details:

manager@elspm.org.au



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

John Cho - June 2

Mai - June 10

Thu - June 10

Phuc - June 18

Also Happy Birthday to Margaret H (May 9)

Thoai (May 12) and Michael H (May 31)

