## **Desecrating Graves of Cao Dai Followers**

For months starting April 20, 2018, the 1997 Sect demolished at least 15 graves of Cao Dai followers whose families refused to join the 1997 Sect, and has stored the unearthed remains at an unknown location. These graves were located at the periphery of Cuc Lac Thai Binh Cemetery, which was established by the Cao Dai Church for all Cao Dai followers wishing to be buried on the holy grounds of the Church. Documents obtained show that the desecration of these graves was approved by Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tam, Head of the 1997 Sect. The demolition proceeded despite the objections of the families of the deceased.

### **Eternal Bliss Cemetery**

Management Office No. 283/93. PT

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#### THIRD AMNESTY OF GOD

(Ninety third year)
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REPORT

To:

- Sacerdotal Council
- Cardinal and Sacerdotal Council Leader
- Acting "Thai" Archbishop
- Executive Secretary of "Thuong Thong" Meritorious Work Institute

<u>Subject</u>: Management of Eternal Bliss Cemetery communicating to the Sacerdotal Council on the plan to clear Parcels 11 and 12 during the Gravesite Maintenance Period of the Lunar Year of the Dog - Year 2018

Dear Sacerdotal Council,

This humble lay preacher named Thai Men Thanh, Executive Secretary *cum* leader of the Management Committee of Eternal Bliss Cemetery under the Meritorious Work Institute, respectfully submits the following to the Sacerdotal Council:

- Implementing Notice No. 91-HDCQ-TT issued by the Sacerdotal Council on cleaning up and planning for the Eternal Bliss Cemetery to ensure there is adequate land to bury deceased church members
- Based on Plan No. 459-91-CV-PT to clear Parcels 11 and 12 dated the 22th day of the second month of the Lunar Year of the Monkey (Gregorian Calendar 30/03/2016).
   During the Gravesite Maintenance Period of the Lunar Year of the Rooster 2017, we have cleared 27 graves. Currently, the number of graves to be cleared in Parcel 11 is 72 and in Parcel 12 is 22.

The Management Committee of Eternal Bliss Cemetery hereby presents to the Sacerdotal Council our following plan for clearing Parcels 11 and 12 during the Gravesite Maintenance Period of the Lunar Year of the Dog -2018:

- During the first 10 days of the Gravesite Maintenance Period, the local funeral home will assist those families wanting to retrieve the remains of their deceased relatives according to applications (both Parcels 11 and 12)
- During the last 5 days of the Gravesite Maintenance Period, as for those graves
  whose relatives don't retrieve remains, we request the Meritorious Work Institute to
  send funeral staff and boat-shaped hearses from the Holy See to help the
  Management Committee of Eternal Bliss Cemetery remove from both Parcels 11 and
  12 all such remains
- After removing all such remains, they will clean up, raze, and level the area.

This is our plan to clear Parcels 11 and 12 during the Gravesite Maintenance Period in the Lunar Year of the Dog - 2018.

I respectfully request the approval of the Sacerdotal Council, the Cardinal cum Leader of the

Sacerdotal Council, and the acting "Thai" Archbishop.

EBC, 21st Day of the 2nd Month, Year of the Dog (GC 6 April 2018)

For the Management Committee of Eternal Bliss Cemetery Executive secretary *cum* Committee leader

### **Enclosures**:

- Notice No. 91-HDCQ-TT
- Report on Plan

Lay Preacher Thai Men Thanh.

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No. 243/93- LP

### **Approved**

Holy See, 22nd day, 2nd month, Lunar Year of the Dog

(GC: 7 April 2018)

For the Sacerdotal Council

Seal and signature of Cardinal Thuong Tam Thanh

No. 180/93/ T. Archbishop

Thuong Thong Meritorious Work Institute

Following the choice made by the Cardinal cum Leader of the Sacerdotal Council

This 23rd day, 2nd month, Lunar Year of the Dog

(GC: 8 April 2018)

Office of the Thai Archbishop

Seal and signature of Bishop Thai Con Thanh

### Translation of right column of 2<sup>nd</sup> page:

No. 263/93 T. Archbishop

To: the Cardinal cum Leader of the Sacerdotal Council

Based on the transmission from the Executive Secretary of "Thuong Thong" Meritorious Work Institute re. Lay Preacher Thai Men Thanh, Executive Secretary *cum* Leader of the Management Committee of Eternal Bliss Cemetery, who submitted to the Sacerdotal Council his report on a plan to clear Parcels 11 and 12 in 2018, specifically:

During the Gravesite Maintenance Period in 2018, starting on the 20th day of the 2nd month of the Lunar Year of the Dog through the 3rd day of the 3rd month of the Year of the Dog, during the first 10 days from the 20th to the 30th day of the 2nd month of the Year of the Dog, Boatshaped hearses personnel and parishioners will help families retrieve their loved ones' remains as requested.

During the last 5 days of the Gravesite Maintenance Period, for the remaining graves in Parcels 11 and 12 without family members requesting help with the retrieval of remains, the Sacerdotal Council is requested to send Boat-shaped hearses personnel to help the Management Committee of Eternal Bliss Cemetery retrieve the remains from the remaining graves until none is left.

After removing all such remains, they will clean up, raze, and level the area. I respectfully request the approval of the Cardinal *cum* Leader of the Sacerdotal Council.

Holy See, 22nd day, 2nd month, Lunar Year of the Dog (GC: 7 April 2018) Office of the Thai Archbishop

Seal and signature of Bishop Thai Con Thanh

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### PHÚC TRÍNH

- Kinh: Hội Thánh.
- Kinh: Ngài Đầu Sư Chường Quân Hội Thánh.
- Kinh: Đại huynh Qu. Thái Chánh Phối Sư.
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Kinh Hội Thánh

Tiên độ Giáo Hữu Thái Mên Thanh XLTV Trường ban quân lý Cực Lạc Thái Bình thuộc Công viện kính trình lên Hội Thánh một việc như sau

- Thus hiện Thông tri số: 04/81 HDCQ:TT của Hột Thánh về việc chính trung, qui hoạch lại Cực Lạc Thái Bình để có đất trống tiếp tực chôn cất đồng đạo qui vị
- Cân cử kế hoạch thực hiện giải toa Lô 11 -a Lô 12 số 459/91 CV-PT ngày 22 tháng 92 năm Bính Thân ( di: 30/3/2016 ). Trong mia Thanh minh năm thinh Dâu - 2017 di bắc được 21487 thời bác Hiện nay, số mộ còn lại chưa bốc tại Lê 11 là 872 mộ, Lê 12 to 252 mộ.

Nay Ban quản lý Cực Lạc thái Bình kinh trình lên Hội Thánh dự kiến kể hoạch tiếp tực giái tòa Lô 11 và 10 12 trong mila Thanh mình năm Mặc Tuất 2018 chư sau

- Vào tiết Thanh mình trong 10 ngày đầu Đạo 15 đà phương hỗ trọ thần nhân gia định My cốt theo
- Tiếp tực 05 ngày cuốc tiết Thanh minh, những phân mô không có thần nhân đến lấy cốt xin Công. don xin ( cà lò 11 và là 12 ). Triệp tực trở ngày các Bái Nhất Tòn Thánh đến hỗ trư Bán Quân lý Cực Lạc Thái Bình bốc đồng viện cho Đạo tỷ Nhà Thuyến Bái khi bắt bắt

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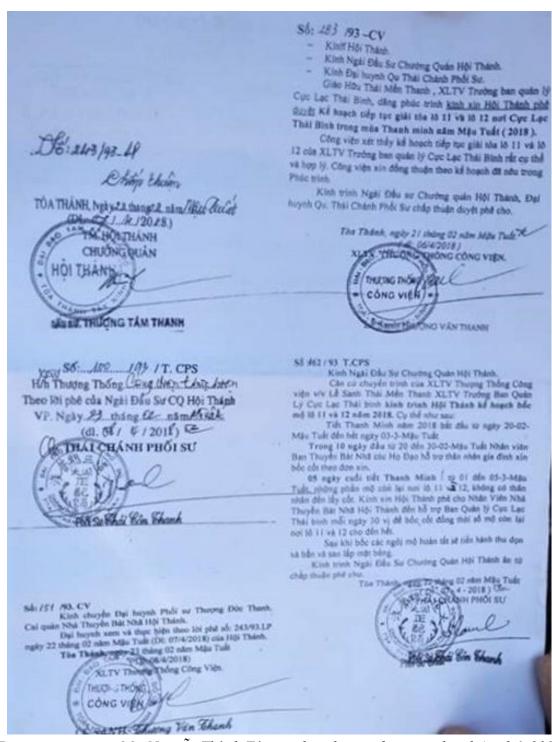
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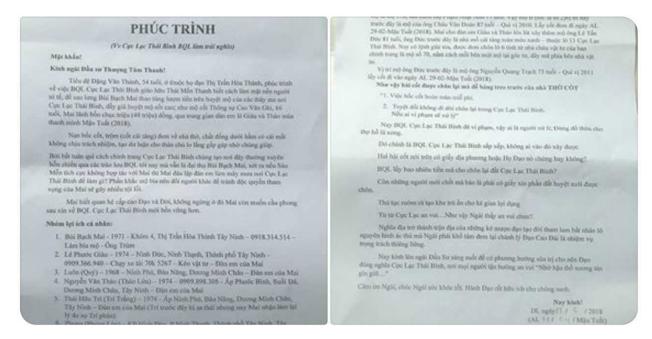
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Progress report to Mr. Nguyễn Thành Tám on demolition of graves, dated April 6, 2018



Progress report to Mr. Nguyễn Thành Tám, dated May 13, 2018

The 1997 Sect has turned access to the Cực Lạc Thái Bình Cemetery for burials into a weapon against Cao Dai followers who refuse to recognize the 1997 Sect as their Church and Mr. Nguyễn Thành Tám as their Pope.

Graves desecrated by order of Mr. Nguyễn Thành Tám, Head of the 1997 Sect. In August 2023, a Texas Court ruled that he in collusion with the 1997 Sect constituted a criminal enterprise under the U.S. Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act.



1997 Sect's demolition worker desecrating a grave despite the objection of a Cao Dai follower living near the site whose ancestor's grave was among those being destroyed

















