



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It gives me great pleasure once again to reach out to all Asian Catholics in the Archdiocese of Vancouver and offer prayers and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

The Lunar New Year, which falls on February 5 in 2019, is a joyous opportunity for our Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and other Asian communities to gather with loved ones as they mark the Year of the Pig. I understand that the personality traits traditionally associated with the Year of the Pig include faithfulness to friends and love of socializing. May I suggest that this describes our Asian community appropriately, and I wish you every blessing as you get together to celebrate your cultural traditions with family and friends.

It has also become a custom for me to use this occasion to request that you keep in your prayers the ongoing meetings between the Holy See and the People's Republic of China as they work to better the relationship between them, reconcile the country's Catholic communities, and work for respect for human and religious rights in China.

I pray that God will shower abundant blessings on you and your loved ones at this special time as well as throughout the coming year.

With cordial greetings and the assurance of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+J. Michael Miller, CSB
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基督內親愛的兄弟姊妹：

非常高興我能再一次有機會，向溫哥華總教區的亞裔信眾，獻上我的祈禱與祝福，並恭賀新禧！

二月五日是本年度的農曆新年大年初一，為華裔、韓裔、越裔，及其他亞裔群體來說，是與親友共同歡慶豬年的好日子。我明白傳統上，豬的生肖特徵，是對朋友忠誠和喜愛與人交往；我想這正正是亞裔群體的貼切描述。新春時期，是你們傳統文化上要彼此互賀、與親友共聚共慶；因此，容我送上對你們各方的祝福。

我願意藉這機會，再次請你們為教廷及中華人民共和國的持續交流祈禱，好能促進彼此之間的關係、國內天主教團體的修和、以及人權和宗教自由在中國備受尊重。

我祈願天主在這特別的時期及整個的來年，向你們及你們的親友，廣施滿溢的恩寵。

在親切的祝福和祈禱中，我常是你們



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