

Một Thoáng Suy Tư

Looking back thirteenth years

There was once a little girl, who had been in Australia for two years, with her parents and brother. She was five years old when she stepped into a new life in two worlds: the world of primary school, and the world of Thiếu Nhi.

So what was Thiếu Nhi? Sometimes it was fun playing with friends; tiring when the Xứ Đoàn had the big game otherwise known as trò chơi lớn; sometimes it was in one ear, out the other, and of course, sometimes she went to Thiếu Nhi because her mum made her!

Moving from Tuổi Thơ một thời đơn sơ, to Ấu Nhi, biết khóc làm chi, through Ngành Thiếu, không còn bé xíu, up to Nghĩa Sĩ, chẳng biết suy nghĩ .. I mean Nghĩa Sĩ mới biết suy nghĩ!

During the fourth year of Nghĩa Sĩ, the girl looked back at her life in Thiếu Nhi. She had learnt that Thiếu Nhi originated from the French, and why the thumb crosses all four fingers when we chào. She learnt songs about hai con thằn lằn con and kìa con bướm vàng. She learnt no matter how manytimes you sing vòng tròn có một cái tâm, the song never really comes true, and that you line up in a U shape to salute the flag. She learnt the meaning of the seven sacraments, and the reasons for the different colour-schemes in church. She learnt that Saint Paul fell off his horse, and how to set up a tent. She learnt how to decode secret messages and follow arrow signs, and she learnt not to respond when she heard: tít tè, tè tít.

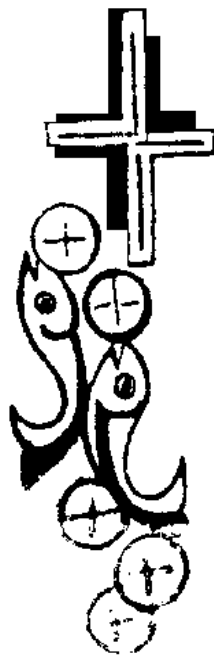
One day, the girl, who was often known as bé Trang, now became known as chị Trang.

The day I put on the red khăn quàng, symbolising hy sinh, I told myself: it's my turn to give back to Thiếu Nhi everything Thiếu Nhi has given to me. Whether it be teaching giáo lý, or playing games during sinh hoạt, there is a magic that touches me everytime: the little smiles of my tuổi thơ. Then meeting other Trưởng from all over Sydney is always a joy the familiar face you talk to all the time, the familiar faces you always see but never have a chance to talk to, and the odd newby who get promoted.

I take a step back, and take a second look at myself. I have learnt to lead by example, learnt to be patient and care for others needs. I have gained confidence to speak in front of a group, the ability to manage a group, and coordinate activities, while understanding the challenges and the rewards.

Thirteen years after my first days at Thiếu Nhi, for the first time ever, I am presented with a khăn quàng with yellow lining (viền). I am officially a Huynh Trưởng cấp 1, and proud to be.

Trưởng Đoàn Trang.



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