



# CARDINAL FRANCIS XAVIER

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Dear Friends in Christ

Last September, our family, the Church and the world mourned the death of Francis Xavier Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuận. He was recognized as a faithful and courageous witness of the Gospel through his long imprisonment and illness.

This September, His Eminence, Bernard Cardinal Law, a close colleague and friend of the late Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, extended his invitation to the Vietnamese-American community and friends of Cardinal Thuận. We are asked to join him at the Eucharist commemorating the first anniversary of the late Cardinal, who finally has reached the destination on the Road of Hope to his Father's house.

The celebration will take place on September 16, 2003 at 5:15 p.m. at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC. Recall that it was here in 1998, Cardinal Thuận celebrated the 200th anniversary of the apparition of our Lady of LaVang with more than 10,000 Vietnamese-Americans. He reminded us of the message that Our Lady is always present in the lives of the faithful.

Please extend this invitation to your families and friends. We humbly ask you to join us in prayerful solidarity and faith through these Rosary Services and Eucharist Celebrations commemorating the homecoming of the Cardinal to his Father's House.

With deepest gratitude,

Mrs. Nguyễn Thu Hồng,  
Youngest sister of the late Cardinal