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Nguyen Van Thuan Foundation

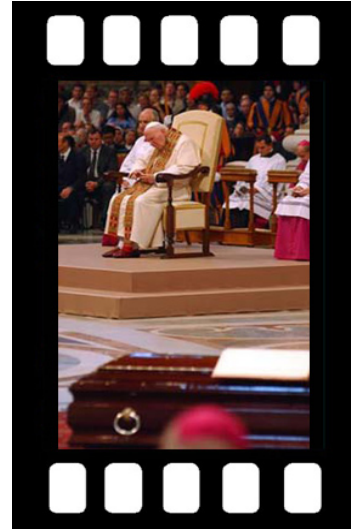
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Dear friends in Christ,

On the Second anniversary of the departure of Francis Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan to the Father's home, our family together with the Church and friends across the world invite you to join us in celebrating the joy of Resurrection.

Sept. 12, 12:30 PM St. Anthony Church, Spokane, Washington, USA
Sept. 12, Holy Family Church, Pearisburg, Virginia, USA
Sept. 12, St. Denis Church, Detroit, Michigan, USA
Sept. 15, 7:00 PM, St. Matthew Surrey, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Sept. 16, St. Louis Parish Moscow, Russia
Sept. 16, 4:00 PM, Cardinal's parental home, Sydney, Australia
Sept. 16, At the Cardinal's tomb in Campo Verano cemetery, Roma- Italy
Sept. 16, Chapel of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, by
Cardinal Martino, Bishop Crepaldi and Monsignor Dewane, Rome, Italy
Sept. 16, Phu Cam, Hue, Vietnam
Sept. 16, Nha-trang Cathedral, Nha-trang, Vietnam
Sept. 16, Madrid, Spain
Sept. 16, 7:30 PM Vietnamese Martyrs Church, Arlington, Virginia, USA
Sept. 17, 8:00 PM Saigon Cathedral, Vietnam
Sept. 18, Vietnamese Catholic Center, Orange Grove, CA, USA
Sept. 19, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Los Angeles, CA, USA
Sept. 19, Houston, Texas, USA
Sept. 19, 9:00 AM Our Lady of Lavang Church, Baltimore MD, USA
Sept. 19, Holy Name of Mary Parish, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
Sept. 29, Sydney, Australia



We wish to express our deep gratitude to all who have continuously supported the late Cardinal's work in different parts of the world and through various activities.

At the 2004 National Eucharistic Congress at the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. the Cardinal's devotion to the Eucharist will be offered for reflection to pilgrims. In March 2004, on their Ad Limina to Rome, the Australian bishops took time out of their busy schedule to celebrate Eucharist at Cardinal's tomb amidst grateful the Vietnamese scattered throughout Italy. This loving gesture has brought back to Vietnamese community in Australia a strong message of friendship and unity.

The translation of "THE ROAD OF HOPE" to Hindi, and "FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH" to Arabic, together with his biography in Vietnamese currently in progress, will help continue his missionary activities. The inauguration of the chapel of MATER UNITATIS Center in Chiapas, Mexico, founded by the late Cardinal will take place on the 16th of September 2004, thus renewing our faith in the importance of the Eucharist in our lives, as it has been for Cardinal Van Thuan.

In Phu Cam, Hue, Cardinal's Van Thuan's parental home has been transformed into a center opened to all visitors for spiritual renewal as well as for a journey back in time to rediscover the history of the martyrology in Vietnam. The various villages and remote areas where Cardinal Van Thuan spent his years in isolation and captivity have begun to offer to pilgrims a deeper understanding of his calling: "*Only Christian Love Can Change Hearts*" - (The Road of Hope).

At this Second memorial service, let's unite in all the celebrations around the world to renew our commitment to the Eucharistic Jesus who has been a source of strength, hope and life to Cardinal Van Thuan amidst the desolation of his prison years. "*Jesus began a revolution from the Cross: Your revolution must begin from the Eucharist Table and be carried forward from there. This way you will be able to renew humanity*" - (Five Loaves and Two Fish).

May God and The Blessed Virgin Mary, through the example of the late Cardinal, continue to bless our activities as we walk together on this holy journey of hope.

With deepest gratitude,

Mrs. Nguyễn Văn Âm (Ngô Đình Thị Hiệp), Sydney, Australia
Dame Commander of the Order of St. Sylvester
And The Family, Cardinal Nguyễn Văn Thuận Foundation For the Road of Hope

"I will speak one language and wear one uniform: LOVE" (Road of Hope, # 984)