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Dear Friends in Christ,

Each year, the return of autumn brings back to our family special memories of very memorable moments lived with my brother, the late cardinal Van-Thuan in the last days of his life.

I still remember as clearly as yesterday, the Masses we offered together at Agostino Gemelli Hospital. Since most of us came from different parts of the world, arrived on different dates, and stayed in different locations in Rome, he always made a special effort to accommodate us within the hour, when most of us were together, to celebrate The Eucharist, even if it was very late in the evening, when he would be most tired.

One particular evening, in June, which will forever stay with me, saw many of us gathered around the Cardinal, in his small room at Gemelli Hospital in Rome. My late sister Anne, fearing the sweltering humidity and cramped conditions would tax his breathing, advised us to participate in The Eucharist from outside the room, in the corridor and on the balcony. With a smile, he insisted that, no matter what, he would rather have everybody UNITED in the room, around his bed. He went on to speak to us on the UNITY and LOVE realized through The Eucharist. He reminded us that:” Jesus , The Bread of Life urges us to bring forth The Bread of justice, The Bread of brotherhood, The Bread of freedom, The Bread of Unity”(Testimony of Hope) That evening, his words never left us and brought to each one of us such grace and consolation . He brought this devotion, this faith to everyone he encountered, and most miraculously, to the guards responsible of him during the period under house arrest in Giang-Xa, Viet Nam.

On this fourth anniversary of his passing, let’s renew our commitment to carry out his message in our daily lives: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Listed below is the schedule of services around the world as of the print date. Please visit our website (www.card-fxthuan.org) for further updates:

- * Aug. 20, Lua Viet Summer Camp in Santa Cruz, CA.
- * Aug. 27, Lua Viet Summer Camp in Port Jewish, NY.
- * Sept. 10, at 4 PM, Holy Family Catholic Church (in Vietnamese) Pearisburg, West Virginia.
- * Sept. 15, at 6 PM, Mass & Rosary Elizabeth Thu Hong resident, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- * Sept. 17, at 11:30 AM, Holy Family Catholic Church, (in English) Pearisburg, Virginia USA
- * Sept. 15, at 7 PM, St. Joseph Church, Vancouver BC. Canada,
- * Sept. 16, at 5 PM, St Vinh Son Liem, Calgary AB, Canada.
- * Sept. 16, Campo Verano Cemetery at the late Cardinal's tomb, Rome, Italy.
- * Sept. 16, Pontifical Justice and Peace Center, Vatican City, Italy.
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- * Sept. 16, at 5 PM, Vietnamese Martyrs Church, Toronto, ONT, Canada.
- * Sept. 16, at 5 PM, Vietnamese Church, Montréal, ONT, Canada.

- * Sept. 16, at 5 PM, Edmonton AB., Canada
- * Sept. 17, at 5 PM, St. Matthew Church, Our Lady of Lavang, Surrey, Canada
- * Sept. 17, Focolare Centre (former Anne Ham Tieu resident), Sydney, Australia,
- * Sept. 17, Good Shepherd Seminary, Sydney, Australia.
- * Sept. 17, Cardinal Van Thuan's ancestral home, Hue, Vietnam,
- * Sept. 17, Missions Etrangeres Centre, Paris, France.
- * Sept. 24, St. Dennis Church, Detroit, Michigan, USA
- * Oct. 08, at 11:30 AM, Holy Name of Mary Church, Windsor, ON, Canada

May Our Merciful Father and Our Lady of Lavang bless us and guide us in our endeavors.



With deepest gratitude

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Windsor, Ontario, Canada

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