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Nguyễn Văn Thuận Foundation

"The Road of Hope"



Good evening your Eminences, Excellencies, Rev. Fathers, religious brothers and sisters, distinguished guests, my beloved countrymen and women and relatives.

In the book "5 Loaves and 2 Fish", the Servant of God FX Nguyen-van-Thuan wrote: "**Contemplating, from my childhood the courageous examples of my ancestors, I conceived a dream.**" Today on this blessed day, we are assembled here to once again to commit ourselves one more time to share and follow that dream, the dream of introducing and re-introducing Jesus to all the streets of our cities. Today's joyous event witnesses the work of The Holy Spirit through the efforts, the perseverance, the sacrifices, prayers and love of so many scattered throughout the world.

No reasonable words can adequately express our profound gratitude towards The Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace, His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson, His Excellency Bishop Mario Toso, San Matteo Foundation, International Observatory created in memory of The Servant of God, His Eminence Cardinal Martino Renato, His Excellency Archbishop Crepaldi, The Diocesan Tribunal of Rome, members of the Historical Commission, the postulator of the Cause, Dr. Waldery Hilgerman who has dedicated so much love and energy in this important work.

Today during this joyous event, let's not forget the dedication and love of those who for the last few years have translated numerous documents and testimonies from various corners of the world, those who have made an effort to send in documents and testimonies, those who have the courage to make sure that these testimonies land safely in the hands of the postulator. We acknowledge the assistance of Giovana and Rev. Father Jean Baptiste from the Focolare movement who have assisted as translators during the interviews.

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We acknowledge with profound gratitude the presence and participation of His Eminence Cardinal Bernard Law, our very own His Excellency Archbishop of Hue Nguyen Nhu The, His Excellency Bishop of Nha Trang Vo Duc Minh, Rev father Huynh Cong Minh the vicar general of the diocese of Ho-chi-minh city, His Excellency Archbishop Gregory Aymond of the diocese of New Orleans USA, His Excellency Bishop William Murphy from the USA, Mrsg. Paul Mac Enery, Mrsg. Roger Lechner.

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Today we witness the power of prayers and unity of so many here present and scattered throughout the world, because with Jesus in the midst, the seeds of faith are sown and the dream is alive.

On the 25th anniversary of the canonization of the Vietnamese Martyrs, we give thanks and glory to God and humbly ask Our Merciful Lord, Our Beloved Lady of LaVang and all the Vietnamese Martyrs to bless us to bless our suffering Vietnam and to continue to journey with us.

Again, our profound gratitude.

Elizabeth Nguyen thi Thu Hong
5th July 2013 on the evening of closing ceremony.



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