

Francis Xavie Nguyen Van Thuan is a Vietnamese Cardinal

He was born in 1928. He grew up in Hue city. He was ordained a priest in 1953. He was appointed Bishop of Nha Trang in 1967. He was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Saigon, South of Vietnam on 24 April 1975.

The communist government brought him in prison. He had lived within 13 years in many prisons in North of Vietnam. In 1988, he was released. But he could'nt return to South of Vietnam, he had to live in Ha Noi. In 1991, he was allowed to go to Rome, Italy, but the government forbade him to return to Vietnam. In 1994, he was appointed President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

In 2001, he appointed a cardinal. He passed away on 16 September 2002, in Rome.