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Events – December 1991

Sunday December 1, 1991

December 1991, date unknown



Vietnam: Hanoi

Archbishop Francois-Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan (aged 63, interrogated in Ho Chi Minh City on August 15, 1975, arrested when he refused to admit his recent appointment as coadjutor archbishop was a Vatican plot, driven to Nha Trang [his previous episcopal assignment] and placed under house arrest; taken by police to the Phu Khanh Prison Camp on March 19, 1976, put into solitary confinement; taken with other prisoners to a transit camp in Thu Duc on November 29, 1976; taken in chains with other prisoners on December 1, 1976 to a ship in Tan Cang, Ho Chi Minh City, for transfer to North Vietnam; ship arrived in Haiphong on December 10, 1976, taken with the other prisoners to Vinh Quang Prison Camp, Vinh Phu; taken to Thranh Liet Prison Camp, Hanoi on February 5, 1977, interrogated; released on May 13, 1978, sent to house arrest in Giang Xa, Hoai Duc district near Hanoi, began underground pastoral work; taken by police on November 5, 1982 to house arrest in residences in the Thranh Cong area that were reserved for police, frequently relocated to prevent friendships from developing, eventually placed in solitary confinement in a prison in Hanoi after developing friendships with police; released from prison on November 21, 1988, placed under house arrest in the Hanoi archbishop's residence; **UPDATE**: allowed to leave the country for Rome, later prohibited from returning)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nguy%E1%BB%85n_V%C4%83n_Thu%E1%BA%ADn https://openlibrary.org/books/OL27907469M/The_Miracle_of_Hope



Rwanda: Kabgayi, Muhanga

Bishop Thaddee Nsengiyumva (aged 43, issued the pastoral letter *Let Us Convert to Live Together in Peace* in which he decried ethnic hatred, assassinations, government exploitation of division, and Church inaction)

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