

FIRST SESSION

In the Name of God. Amen

In the year 2010, the sixth of the Pontificate of Benedict XVI, on the 22nd day of October at 12:00 noon, legally convoked in the auditorium disposed for the Tribunal in the Lateran Apostolic Palace; in the presence of His Eminence Cardinal Agostino, titular of S. Pier Damiani ai Monti di S. Paolo of the Holy Church of Rome, Cardinal Vallini, Vicar General of his Holiness for the Diocese of Rome;

assisting and present the Most Reverend Mons. Gianfranco Bella, Delegated Judge, and Mons. Francesco Maria Tasciotti, Associate Judge; present also the Most Reverend Mons. Giuseppe D'Alonzo, Promoter of Justice, Comm. Giuseppe Gobbi, Principal Notary, and Mr. Francesco Allegrini, Associate Notary, all appointed by the Decree of His Eminence Cardinal Vicar;

presenting herself Doctor Silvia Monica Correale, Lawyer, who acknowledges both the mandate of power of attorney attributed to her and the *supplice libello*, and respectfully makes the appeals to legally initiate the process on the life and virtues as well as on miracles in general, of the Servant of God **Francis Xavier NGUYỄN VAN THUÂN** Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, disposing all that is necessary and required for the intention.

His Eminence Cardinal Vicar having seen the mandate of the power of attorney and of the *supplice libello*, to be transmitted to the Promoter of Justice, so that the latter may consider if there is any reason to object, but the Promoter of Justice not having expressed any opposing reasons, the Reverend Cardinal declares legitimate and authentic the above mentioned documents and instructs me, the Notary, to register and sign them in the present session; moreover His Eminence Cardinal Vicar confirms all the persons appointed by him by Decree, who accept the responsibility received and declares ready to initiate and celebrate the present process.

At this point the Cardinal Vicar, followed by the Judges, the Promoter of Justice and the Notaries, one after another take the oath and sign, as follows:

“In the Name of the Lord, I, N., solemnly swear to faithfully and diligently fulfill the responsibility entrusted to me with respect to the process of the life and virtues, as well as the miracles, of the Servant of God Francis Xavier NGUYỄN VAN THUÂN, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church; I also solemnly swear to keep secret all depositions of the witnesses and not to speak about anything except to the persons of the Tribunal appointed for this process; finally I solemnly swear that I will not accept any kind of gifts offered in connection with this process. So help me God.”

Now the Cardinal Vicar, the two Judges, the Promoter of Justice, the principal Notary and additional Notary sign.

After signing, the Promoter of Justice exhibits the chapters of the inquisition while the Postulator of the Cause presents the list of persons to be questioned, reserving to

herself the right to present witnesses besides those already mentioned, when fitting; then she takes the oath as follows:

“In the Name of the Lord, I, Silvia Monica Correale, Postulator of the Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Francis Xavier NGUYỄN VAN THUÂN, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church, solemnly swear to faithfully fulfill the responsibility entrusted to me; I also solemnly swear not to say or do anything in a manner which may directly or indirectly offend justice or limit the freedom of the witnesses; finally I solemnly swear to keep the secrets to which are bound all those who have a part in this cause. May God help me”

The Postulator now apposes her signature.

Having taken the oath, His Eminence Cardinal Vicar and the Judges receive the chapters of the inquisition and the list of the witnesses, and His Eminence orders to hold the audiences of this process in the auditorium of the Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome, or in another place depending on the practicability; the days and the times of the celebration of the audiences are indicated as are all the working days, while nevertheless reserving for himself the right to make any necessary changes; in addition, the day and hour of the next session is fixed and I, the Notary, am given the responsibility of informing the first witness so that he/she may appear as has been decided; I also receive the order to compile public minutes of what takes place during the present session, at the end of which His Eminence Cardinal Vicar, the Judges and the Promoter of Justice and the Notaries will appose their signatures, as follows:

The Cardinal Vicar, the Judges, the Promoter of Justice, the principal Notary and the Associate Notary now sign.

I, the Notary, have prepared these public minutes of the celebration of the present session, and I sign them and affix the seal of the Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome.

Given in Rome on 22 October 2010

Now the Notary responsible for the first session apposes his signature.