



Upon the Map of China
Rests the Shrine and Our Lady of She-Shan
Through Whom We Pray
There may be one fold and One Shepherd

The Cardinal Kung Foundation wishes to thank **Very Reverend Cyprian P. La Pastina**, our Pastor; **Monsignor Stephen M. DiGiovanni**, Pastor Emeritus of the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist and Biographer of Ignatius Cardinal Kung; **Father James McCurry, OFM, Conv.**, Homilist, Director and a tireless advocate of the persecuted Roman Catholic Church in China; **Father Elias Maria, F.I.** and **Father Josemaria, F.I.** for offering this Mass on the 26th Anniversary of Ignatius Cardinal Kung's death.

We are humbled and most grateful for the guidance and support of **His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke**, Episcopal Advisor.

Today, we are blessed with the presence of The Board of Directors, Advisors, and friends of the Cardinal Kung Foundation. Many of them can recall with great affection their personal encounters with Cardinal Kung some 30 years ago, and now they continue Cardinal's mission for China. I wish to acknowledge the members of The Slaves of The Immaculate Heart of Mary. I cannot remember them ever missing any of Cardinal's celebrations, and later, the remembrance of Cardinal. Many friends joined us spiritually today. This gives us hope that Cardinal Kung's conviction will indeed come true one day: ***"The Catholic Church will never disappear in China. Please stay with us until Holy Mary saves us in Her own time."***

We thank **Nick Botkins**, Organist and Choirmaster, and **Cardinal Kung Academy Schola** for providing the sacred music today. It is a joy to watch the growth of the Academy. In just 8 years, its Directors, Principal, Dr. Alexander Miller and Faculty have guided the growth of this young academy into one of the outstanding academies in the Diocese.

Cardinal Kung was a prominent educator in Shanghai for 19 years before he was consecrated Bishop of Shanghai. With the same devotion, trust, and love of a great Catholic educator, he inspired and trained all levels of the Shanghai Diocese to become a model diocese in China at the most challenging time in the history of the church in China. Cardinal Kung must be so proud of Cardinal Kung Academy.

It is noteworthy that St. John, our impressive Basilica, was the home parish to the refugee Cardinal for 12 years. It was also where Cardinal started his 5-day long funeral services in year 2000, across the United States to his temporary home in Santa Clara, CA. We are truly blessed to be able to celebrate the life of Cardinal Kung annually in this Basilica.

Please join the underground church and the Foundation to pray for His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, for Holy Spirit's guidance, so that he may offer a church to the millions of Roman Catholics in China, a church under the guidance and protection of the successor of St. Peter. Currently, the official church in China is the **Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association**, under the direct management of the United Front Works Department and the Communist party.

The bishops, clergy, and religious in the underground church prays daily for their benefactors in gratitude.

May the Chinese martyrs intercede for you and your family.

Agnes Kung

