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In May 1949, a few months after the Communist government took over China, Cardinal Kung was asked by Pope Pius XII to be the first Bishop of Souchow, a newly established diocese. After praying about this for a month, out of obedience to His Holiness, Cardinal (then Father) Kung accepted the assignment and asked permission to delay his episcopal ordination until October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. This was an unusual request in an urgent and changing political environment. "I will not have the strength to be a bishop under a communist government without the protection of the Holy Rosary." Bishop Kung thus explained his request to the Pro-nuncio to China. A year later, he was transferred to be the Bishop of Shanghai and Apostolate Administrator of Souchow and Nanking.

In 1953, when the communist government was savagely persecuting the Catholic Church in China, Bishop Kung declared that year the *Marian Year* in the Diocese of Shanghai. There was to be 24 hours continuous recitation of the Holy Rosary throughout the diocese during that year.

When asked how he kept his faith during 30 years in jail with many long periods in solitary confinement without a Bible, the Sacraments, Holy Masses, the Rosary or contacts with the outside world, he said that he had the protection of the Holy Rosary, which he recited with his fingers.

As you can see, Bishop Kung had a deep devotion to the Holy Rosary, and Holy Mother protected him through those unimaginable long decades of suffering and isolation. *The Cardinal Kung Foundation invites you to imitate Cardinal Kung and join the Perpetual Rosary for China. We ask you to recite one rosary a month for China on the same day of your choice.* May we suggest that you choose a day of significance to you so that it will be easy to remember (e.g., a birthday on August 2, 1901 will be the 2nd day of each month)? We hope that every day there will be tens and hundreds of rosaries being recited for China by friends of the Cardinal Kung Foundation.

By the power of the Holy Rosary, we believe Holy Mother will protect the underground Church and return China to freedom soon.

Please CUT and RETURN the completed form below. *If you wish to offer more than one rosary a month, please indicate all the dates of your choices.* We will acknowledge the gift of the Holy Rosary by sending each member of the *Perpetual Rosary for China* a holy card of Our Lady of She-Shan. May Our Lady of She-Shan bless you.

For your own record: The days you have chosen are _____, _____ day of each month.

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Please use a separate form for each family					
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