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Rests the Shrine and
Our Lady of She-Shan
Through Whom We Pray
"There may be one fold
and one shepherd"

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* In Memoriam

Mr. Grune joined the Marine Corps and eventually earned the rank of Captain. He married Gloria in 1954 and had 12 children, 31 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Every time the family returned from a road trip, Harold would say, "Thank the Lord for our deliverance." This is just an example of how faith played a strong role in his life.

Mr. Grune attended New York Law School at night while working full time during the day. He graduated in 1961. He opened his law office. Running on the Republican line, he was elected the Supervisor of the Town of Stony Point, and the New York State Assembly. He served on Rockland County's first legislature for 3 years, served as Town Attorney, and was elected as Stony Point Town Justice for nearly 20 years. He also volunteered for numerous charity organizations, including the American Legion, the Blue Army 101 Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, Rockland county Right to life and New York Right to Life, the Lions Club, and the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation.

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Dear Friends,

During this Easter season we recall that it is because Jesus Christ is truly risen that Saint Paul was able to proclaim: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his Body, that is, the Church." (Colossians 1:24) This is the Resurrection hope that we all share as members of Christ's Body. Therefore, during this Easter season, let us join together in prayer in solidarity with and for the Roman Catholic Church in China. We wish you and your family a very blessed and happy Easter.

In Loving and Grateful Memory: Mr. Harold Grune

On September 11 last year, I, with the approval of the Board of Directors of this Foundation, sent a letter to Mr. Harold Grune, inviting him to join our Board of Directors. Mr. Grune was so happy to be invited that he called me immediately to accept our offer. Because the next Board meeting was to take place in approximately two weeks, I "overnighted" to him the materials for the meeting. I was informed by his family that Harold was eagerly waiting to join us. In the meantime, all the Board members were looking forward to welcoming him to the Board.

A few days before the Board meeting, I received a call from his wife, Gloria. The minute I heard her voice, I sensed something was wrong. She told me that Harold had suffered a massive heart attack, and was in the intensive care unit of a hospital. The next day, Gloria called again and informed me that God had taken Harold home. He was peaceful and without pain when he left us and joined the Kingdom of God.

Mr. Grune was a member of the Board of Directors of the Cardinal Kung Foundation, even if only for few days. His name will always be remembered by us as a past Director. Before Mr. Grune joined us as a Director, he had already ceaselessly spread the words of the life of Cardinal Kung and the mission and projects of the Cardinal Kung Foundation. He met Cardinal Kung at a number of functions and continued to support the Foundation after the Cardinal's death. He attended almost every function over the years. By his constant presence and association with this Foundation, together with his impeccable reputation in his pro-life work and decades of his judicial work as a judge, the Foundation had already benefited enormously simply by his support of our work.

Mr. Grune was born on July 12, 1931 in Portchester, NY. He was raised in Mamaroneck, NY. He gave credit for his education to the Sisters of Charity who taught him at Holy Trinity Grammar School, and to the Irish Christian Brothers at both the Blessed Sacrament High School in New Rochelle and Iona College.



While a member of the New York State Assembly, Mr. Grune fought to repeal the current abortion law. As a result, a new law was passed because of a bill he introduced: protection of the rights of a child born after an abortion. He also introduced a bill to prohibit experimentation on live aborted fetuses. For many years, he attended the Right to Life March in Washington and he offered free legal counsel to many in this movement.

Mr. Grune was truly a soldier for Christ. He traveled repeatedly to many holy places in the world. His Christian upbringing and love of Christ was exemplified in everything he did. He was an honest, humble, just and charitable man with an uncompromising principle and convictions. He was a servant to all: his family, his clients, his friends and community. He was also a champion for the unborn. Most of all, he was a faithful servant to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Harold, we are "annoyed" with God that He would take you away from us just a few days before you were to join our Board. However, God has a better plan for you. Enjoy it. Rest in peace. In you are fulfilled the words of the Gospel: "Well done, good and faithful servant.....enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:21) We love you, Harold. God love you too.

Special and New Annual Mass Date for Catholics in China

At the end of this Easter season, we will have the opportunity to pray for the underground Roman Catholic Church in China in a special way. As many of you know, the Cardinal Kung Foundation has been sponsoring an annual Mass for many years to pray for the end of persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in China. This annual Mass has been held on the Sunday closest to October 1, which is the national day of China when the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church began in China. However, in his letter to Catholics in China last year, Pope Benedict made the following announcement: "*Dear Pastors and all the faithful, the date 24 May could in the future become an occasion for the Catholics of the whole world to be united in prayer with the Church which is in China. This day is dedicated to the liturgical memorial of Our Lady, Help of Christians, who is venerated with great devotion at the Marian Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.*" In union with Pope Benedict, the Cardinal Kung Foundation has decided to move its annual Mass to *May 24*.

I invite you, your family, and your friends to join us, together with millions of others all over the world, *on May 24* to pray for the well-being, evangelization, and growth of our Church in China in order to demonstrate our "fraternal solidarity and solicitude" for our brothers and sisters in China and to ask God to reward their "perseverance in witness." I also invite you to pray for the ending of religious persecution in China that has been going on there for the last 58 years, the renewal of genuine religious freedom in China, and the exoneration of all criminal charges against religious prisoners, including many Roman Catholic bishops, priests, and faithful, and their release from jails and labor camps in China. We do need your prayers.

If you can offer a Mass for China, please send a stipend directly to your parish or to any other church and request the priest to offer a Holy Mass on *May 24*, or some other date close to *May 24 to pray for China* with the detailed intentions as described above. Please let us know if you have requested this Mass so that we can tabulate them. Thank you.

The Financial State of the Cardinal Kung Foundation

In our Christmas 2007 newsletter, we promised to give you a report of some of the work that the Foundation has accomplished through your financial and spiritual support for the underground Roman Catholic Church in China during the last 16 years since the Foundation's inception in November 1991.

Our financial year ends each year on June 30. Our financial statements are audited every year by an independent certified public accountant. This is not required by U. S. law. The independent auditors then report in writing to the Board of Directors of this Foundation their opinion on these financial statements based on their audits. We have received unqualified opinions from the independent auditors every year with wordings such as "...In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cardinal Kung Foundation, inc., as of June 30, (year), and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America." We then report these audited financial data every year to the United States Internal Revenue Service on its Form 990.

When we first started the Foundation in November 1991, we did not have any money. The late Cardinal Kung, being a refugee Cardinal, had no money either. It was due to the generosity of the late Bishop Walter Curtis, the previous Bishop of Bridgeport, that we were able to start. Bishop Curtis wrote us the first check in the amount of \$5,000. With this seed money, together with an unsecured loan of \$50,000 from an international bank, recommended by one of our supporters who is still with us today, the Foundation was started. Primarily due to Bishop Curtis' leadership and endorsement, together with Cardinal Kung's examples of his holiness and dry martyrdom, a number of kind people followed Bishop Curtis' example by donating to us some money. We closed our first two fiscal years ending June 1993 (19 months) with total revenue of \$62 thousand. Our Lord took good care of us. We received approximately \$132 thousand in the third year ending June 1994 and the rest is the history. In the last 16 years up to June 30, 2007, we received a total of \$3.5 million from benefactors like you, of which we spent \$484 thousand for our administration and \$2.8 million for our projects set forth below. The ratio for our administration to our revenue is therefore 13.8 percent.

Foundation Projects for the Underground Church in China

Once again, we set forth below our projects for your perusal. We were going to share with you the financial data that we have spent in each project. However, after further considerations, we have come to the conclusion that such disclosure could be detrimental to the underground Church in China. Therefore, for security reasons, we are reporting our programs without detailed financial data.

1) The *spiritual dimension*

- 1.1) We **promote prayers** not only for the underground Roman Catholic Church in China, but also for “*our separated brothers and sisters*” of the Chinese government-sponsored Patriotic Association so that they too will be filled with the Holy Spirit and be courageous witnesses of Christ.
- 1.2) In our “**Prayer Sponsor**” Program, a “prayer sponsor” promises to pray daily for a designated person, either for an underground clergyman or for a Patriotic Association bishop’s return to the universal Church. We will send you a wallet sized card indicating the person for whom you will be praying.
- 1.3) With our **Perpetual Rosary for China**, friends of the Foundation pledge to pray at least one rosary each month for China on the same day of their choice. Many have pledged weekly or even daily rosaries for China.
- 1.4) The Cardinal Kung Foundation, together with its benefactors all over the world, has been sponsoring an **annual Mass** for many years to pray for the end of persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in China. For 2008, this annual Mass will be held on May 24 as requested by the Holy Father. Please refer to page 2 of this newsletter for details.
- 1.5) We **distribute free holy cards** that include: Cardinal Kung’s Prayers for China, and for Priests, Cardinal Kung’s Biography, Our Lady of China, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of She-Shan, and Prayer to the Guardian Angels of Aborted Babies and others.

2) The *information dissemination dimension*

- 2.1) Our **Newsletter** is published at least three times each year and is distributed free to almost 30 countries. The Newsletter informs the public about news and issues relating to the ongoing persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in China as well as its traditions and history.
- 2.2) Our **Press Releases** on persecutions in China are issued only after meticulous verification of the authenticity of the news. These releases are acknowledged as the primary source of news worldwide relating to the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in China. They are carried by all major news wires such as Association Press, Reuters, AFP, UPI, etc., and by most, if not all, major newspapers worldwide. They are also recognized by many United States and foreign government agencies.
- 2.3) The **Cardinal Kung Foundation Website** includes Cardinal Kung’s biography, his legacy, press releases, past Newsletters, a list of those imprisoned in China, and a variety of articles of religious, historical, and political significance. Journalists as well as students have used this website for their research.
- 2.4) The Foundation has been very active in making **Speeches and Exhibitions** to a variety of religious, educational, and political organizations throughout the world, such as Harvard Law School; the IHM Home School Conference in Washington, D.C.; the Marian Congress in Alexandria, South Dakota; The Population Research Institute in Washington, D.C.; the Wanderer Forum; Amnesty International in London; the Legion of Christ Seminary in Rome; the Serra Club in Hershey, Pennsylvania; Texas Lutheran University in Seguin; the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation; Catholics United for the Faith in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona; the Jubilee Mission Congress in St. Paul, Minnesota; a number of parishes, schools and other organizations. The Foundation has also been the focus of numerous **newspapers, radio, and television reports and interviews** by media such as Voice of America, Free Asia Radio, the *New York Times*, Catholic Views, Vatican Radio, ABC Radio, and EWTN, and has frequently **assisted the research efforts of reporters** in their writing feature articles on the persecution in China. Also, we have given **public testimonies** on religious persecution in China to the British Parliament in 1996, to the Subcommittee on Human Rights of the United States Congress in 1994, 1996, 2006, and 2007, the New York City Council in 1997, the California Senate in 1997, and the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission in 2002 and 2004. **We have assisted various legislators** in their efforts to end the persecution in China, and have **submitted timely briefings** to the White House, the State Department, and the Commerce Department in preparation for official U.S. visits to China.

3. The *education of seminarians, and religious dimension*

- 3.1) The **Partner in Vocation Program** is dedicated to support the education of seminarians studying in China. We invite the public to give \$600 per year for each seminarian to cover his tuition, room, and board. Almost 100 seminarians are now under the sponsorship of the Cardinal Kung Foundation.
- 3.2) We are also sending dozens of nuns to universities and trade schools in China for **higher education** to learn a skill which are important to their ministries. They go to medical, nursing, engineering, computer, language and other trade schools with full tuition, room and board paid by the Cardinal Kung Foundation.
- 3.3) The **Living Allowance Project** assists seminarians and nuns of the underground Church who are studying outside of China. There are approximately 70 such seminarians and nuns living in France, Rome, Spain, Germany and the Philippines. They already have scholarships that cover tuition, room, and board, but are still in need of funds for books, clothes, medical and other personal needs. Depending on the individual needs, we offer them a subsistence allowance averaging \$1,000 each year, higher for those who have special needs.

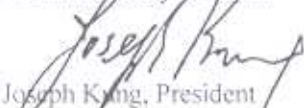
- 3.4) The **Holy Mass Stipend project** collects and transfers Mass offerings to the clergy of the underground Roman Catholic Church. A \$10 Mass stipend can provide four days of living expenses for an underground priest in China. To the dozens of underground priests studying in Europe or elsewhere, they rely on these Mass stipends for living expenses as their own underground bishops have no financial means to support them. In thanksgiving to the Foundation's donors, **the underground priests offer hundreds of Masses each year for the deceased and living members of the Cardinal Kung Foundation.** Currently, we are sending approximately 10,000 Mass stipends each year. We need many more Mass stipends as we have so many underground bishops requesting help. To put it into perspective, an average parish in the United States can only accept approximately 900 Masses a year. The Foundation would appreciate it if any pastor can channel Holy Mass requests that they cannot handle to the underground Church in China.
- 4) The *social and apostolic dimension* of our mission involves our financial support of an orphanage for disabled children, dioceses in China, persecuted families in China, and underground Chinese Catholic refugees seeking asylum in the United States.
- 4.1) We have been providing substantial support for many years to an "illegal" **orphanage** that was founded by an underground bishop. This orphanage houses approximately 100 physically and mentally handicapped Catholic orphans, and is in dilapidated condition. It urgently needs to improve its basic services, such as toilets, running hot water and repairing the leaky roof. They need help. This orphanage was founded by necessity to care for the many abandoned disabled babies left at the doorstep of the bishop's house.
- 4.2) The Foundation provides **financial aid to underground bishops** for their apostolic work. This consists of various projects for evangelization. We are also providing living expenses for several female religious communities consisting of hundreds of nuns. In order to help financing this project, the public can now **Adopt A Novice Nun** in China. For 55 US cents a day, or \$100 for 6 months, or \$200 for one year, you can adopt a novice who will pray for you everyday for your intentions for the period of the adoption. In the meantime, you will support a novice for her living expenses during that period. We will send your name and your intentions to the novice and will also send the novice name to you. We started this program in July 2005, and have received approximately 180 adoptions. Due to a change in their circumstances, some benefactors could no longer sponsor their novice nuns. **We urgently need new sponsors to continue these sponsorship so that the convents can continue to support these novices.**
- 4.3) The Foundation has a **program to assist underground families whose members have suffered persecution due to their active support and leadership to their underground bishops.** Many heads of these families were arrested or tortured. We are assisting such families by paying their children's school tuition while the father is in jail or unemployed.
- 4.4) Whenever possible, we **provide assistance to verified underground Roman Catholic refugees seeking asylum in the United States.** Occasionally, judicial and immigration officers in US as well as overseas, such as in Canada and Australia, have called on us to verify the state of the religious persecution in China in order to decide on certain asylum cases. We have also been asked by attorneys to testify in court for the persecuted Catholic asylum seekers. We have succeeded so far to help approximately 15 families to obtain their religious asylum status, thereby able to start a new life in the United States legally.
- 5) Another very important project is *to preserve the legacy of His Eminence, the late Ignatius Cardinal Kung.*
- 5.1) This work includes the **collecting of the late Cardinal's writings and making them available to the public in the future.**
- 5.2) We have established a **depository to collect information supporting the cause and process for the canonization of Cardinal Kung.** As the depository, the Foundation is responsible for gathering documentation that will be used as evidence of the personal sanctity of Cardinal Kung and also for gathering written statements of personal favors received through the intercession of Cardinal Kung. If your spiritual life has been touched by Cardinal Kung or if you have prayed and received favors through his intercession, we would appreciate your writing to us.
- 5.3) Cardinal Kung's residence, which included his own private chapel, was in Stamford, Connecticut. We are **attending to the upkeep of his final earthly residence** for the future cause of the Cardinal's canonization.

In order to fully fund all the projects described above, the Foundation will need \$500 thousand each year. Our annual revenue is approximately \$300 thousand. We have a shortage of \$200 thousand. Your continuous support is urgently needed. Thank you so much for your generosity. May God bless you.

Please note that we will have online donation operational on our website effective June 2008 or earlier.

I wish to thank you for all the prayers for the recovery of my knee replacement surgery last November. I am now much better with all pains gone, and learning to walk properly. I believe that the worst is over and I am recovering. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely in Christ


Joseph Kung, President

Please Remember The Cardinal Kung Foundation In Your Will. Thank You.