



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”

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*** In Memoriam**

Bishop on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary in 1949. He consecrated his Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1952, making him one of the first bishops to do so after Pope Pius XII had consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart in 1942. At the height of the persecution, he led the diocesan seminarians and their rector to pilgrimage, and pledge their allegiance to the Roman Catholic Church at the shrine of Our Lady of Sheshan. He conducted a 24/7 recitation of the Holy Rosary for one year in Shanghai to prepare the Diocese to squarely face the persecution head on. These are just a few examples of many events showing Cardinal Kung's total reliance on Our Lady.

Thus it was the highlight of our triduum of prayers when, after the closing Mass was offered at 4 p.m. Saturday, October 13, inspired by the example of Cardinal Kung, Monsignor DiGiovanni led the congregation of the Basilica of Saint John in a formal consecration of the parish of the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist and each participating parishioner and friend to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. With a magnificent portrait of Cardinal Kung as the young Bishop of Shanghai standing in front of the side altar of Saint Joseph, Monsignor DiGiovanni gave an inspiring eulogy of the Cardinal by way of a summary account of his life, his achievements in nourishing the Church in Shanghai, the legacy that he bequeathed to his spiritual children even while absent from them in prison,

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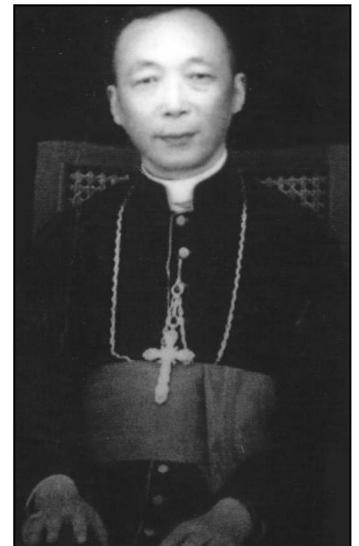
Dear Friends:

During this Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas, we pray that the Holy Family will bless you and your loved ones with abundant graces, good health, and peace. May you also have a New Year filled with many graces.

Praying for the Opening of the Cause of Canonization for Ignatius Cardinal Kung

A three-day of prayers was held commencing Thursday, October 11, the feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady and the first day of the Year of Faith; Friday, October 12, the feast of Our Lady of the Pillar; and Saturday, October 13, the day of the miracle of the sun at Fatima in 1917. At the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist in Stamford, Connecticut, approximately a thousand parishioners and friends of Cardinal Kung joined in prayers to help move forward the cause for the canonization of Cardinal Kung. Monsignor Stephen DiGiovanni, Pastor, and Father Terrence Walsh, Parochial Vicar, led us through three-days of prayers including Holy Masses, rosaries, benedictions, processions, and homilies. These devotions closed on October 13, the 95th Anniversary of the final appearance of Holy Mary to the three children in Fatima and of the miracle of the sun, affirming the power of the Holy Rosary in the quest for world peace, the conversion of communists, and the end of Communism. How fitting it was that the anniversary of this important message of Holy Mary was chosen as the conclusion of this three-day of prayers to advance the Cardinal's journey to the honor of the altar.

Cardinal Kung, the first Chinese Bishop of Shanghai, suffered almost thirty-three years of imprisonment and persecution at the hands of the Chinese communist government for maintaining the fullness of faith and for his fidelity to the Successor of Saint Peter. This heroic Bishop was very devoted to Our Lady. He and his diocese drew their strength from Holy Mary. He openly and repeatedly sought Our Lady's help and intercession at all important milestones of his episcopal ministry. He was consecrated



his sufferings, his fortitude, his straight adherence to the gospel, his militant loyalty to the Vicar of Christ, and his final years of freedom here in Stamford. His eventual exile by the Chinese government is a clear evidence of the continued persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in China.

Let us pray that the current vacant See of Bridgeport will be filled by a bishop who also sees the importance of Cardinal Kung's cause to the universal Church and in particular to the persecuted Church in China. Needless to say, the opening of the canonization cause of Cardinal Kung would be a tremendous stimulus and encouragement to the Roman Catholic Church in China.

On October 13, the Basilica was packed with approximately one thousand people. They were very inspired by two red banners, each twelve feet long hung on the columns at either side of the sanctuary. On the banners were Chinese words in gold written in China by Bishop Kung in the 1950's in Shanghai (now also translated in English) as a public profession of faith: ***“Neither fire nor sword will take away my faith in God.”***

Monsignor DiGiovanni let the portrait of the Cardinal and the banners remain for the annual “Red Mass” celebrated the next day on Sunday by the Apostolic Nuncio, Most Reverend Francis A. Chullikatt for the diocese's legal professions. Attending the Mass also was John Garvey, J.D., President of Catholic University of America, who was the principal Guest Speaker at the luncheon. Hopefully, the Catholic judges, lawyers, and politicians who attended the Red Mass will remember the heroic example of Cardinal Kung and the Cardinal's profession of faith when they encounter challenges in their work.



After the evening Mass on October 13, two hundred guests filled the parish hall to share a simple but delicious Chinese buffet of ***“Rice, Noodles and Tea”***. It was a joyful repast, with lots of camaraderie, and new acquaintances. The portrait cards, one with Cardinal Kung's note of gratitude to the Holy Father for choosing him to shepherd the Shanghai diocese were eagerly collected by the guests. A collection of photos were displayed, describing the history of Cardinal Kung's life as a priest and bishop. Many friends have written that due to distance and other prior engagements, they would join us spiritually for the three-days of prayer. We are very grateful to everyone. We need your continued prayers to accompany our beloved Cardinal's journey to the honor of the altar.

Bishop Thaddeus Ma DaQin of Shanghai needs your prayer urgently



As we reported in our August newsletter, the newly consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of Shanghai, Thaddeus Ma DaQin, remains in police custody at the SheShan Regional Seminary, which is controlled by the Patriotic Association. As you may remember, Bishop Ma was arrested after his ordination on July 7, 2012, when he announced from the cathedral pulpit that he was resigning from the Patriotic Association in order to exercise his episcopal ministry without any distractions. It was reported that Bishop Ma is now forbidden to wear any episcopal insignia, such as his pectoral cross, ring, etc. In fact, he is not even allowed to minister to the faithful and perform his duties as a shepherd. The persecution of the Roman Catholic Church in China continues unabated. China has just elected a new President and other members of the new party leadership for the next ten years. Let

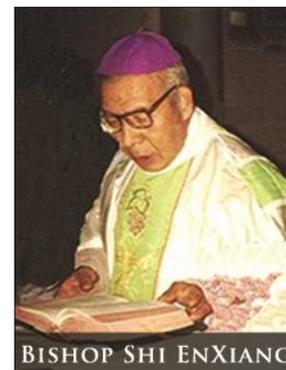
us pray that there will be a true change in the attitude of the Chinese government towards the Roman Catholic Church.

Bishops Su Zhimin and Shi Enxiang May Still Be Alive, but Where?



BISHOP SU ZHIMIN

AsiaNews' "Illustrious Unknowns," Bishop James Su Zhimin, 80, forty years in prison, and Bishop Cosma Shi Enxiang, age 90, fifty years in jail, could still be alive in some prison, but the communist authorities continue to deny knowing their whereabouts. Bishop Su of Baoding (Hebei), was arrested on 8 October 1997 and was never heard from again. Bishop Shi of Yixian (Hebei) was arrested on 13 April 2001, his place of detention is unknown. Not even the Vatican has received an answer in its enquiries. The past policy of the government has been to return the body of a prisoner upon his death to the family. We are not aware that this has happened. This leads us to believe that these two living martyrs are still alive. They need your vigilant prayers to sustain them in their very long imprisonment. These two bishops and many other prisoners of



BISHOP SHI ENXIANG

Christ must not be forgotten this holy season and throughout the liturgical year.

"The Church in China was never schismatic" – Said Cardinal Filoni on October 22, 2012.

Another Appeal from Vatican for Dialogue

On the eve of the change of leadership in the Chinese government during its 18th Congress, opened on November 8, 2012, Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, issued an open letter on October 22, 2012 to the Chinese leadership. In his letter, titled *"Five Years After the Publication of Benedict XVI's letter to the Church in China,"* Cardinal Filoni said that ".....the Church in China was never schismatic...." Although Cardinal Filoni did note that there are "stumbling blocks" for better relations between the Holy See and the Chinese authorities, such as "latest unlawful episcopal appointments, the bishop's lack of freedom, and the stifling control of the life of the Church," he nevertheless emphasized that the Pope's letter to the Chinese clergy and faithful five years ago could be used as "a point of departure for a dialogue within the Church in China."

However, according to a reporter of *ucanews* (October 31, 2012) in Beijing, priests and bishops in both the Underground Church and the Open Church are not optimistic about the dialogue. One bishop recognized by both the Vatican and the government (he requested anonymity) said that the government "doesn't care about the Church or the Vatican. They never want to have sincere dialogue." An Underground bishop, who gave his name as Joseph, said that "From our past experience we know that the government and the Open Church community talk a lot of hot air." Citing Shanghai's Auxiliary Bishop Ma Daqin's public resignation from the Patriotic Association, "Everyone sings praises to his bravery, but isn't this actually the most basic expression of our faith? How many Open Church bishops dare to follow suit?"

There are indeed numerous opportunities in the last five years since the publication of the Letter from Pope Benedict XVI to China to negotiate an understanding between the Vatican and China, if the Chinese government had some sincerity in negotiating. Yet, the government of China has offered none. On the contrary, the Chinese government has demonstrated their true intention in willful, illegitimate episcopal ordinations without a mandate from the Pope, continuing its persecution of the Roman Catholic Church, and the ongoing detention of the newly consecrated Bishop Ma who has been prevented from exercising his episcopal duties after his resignation from the Catholic Patriotic Association. It is time for the Vatican to respond with the execution of its own plan of action based on the Church's fundamental dogma instead of clinging to this wishful thinking that so-called dialogue will produce good fruit. I truly hope that the Vatican will just do what needs to be done. **"Just do it"!**

An overview of some of the work of the Foundation during the past five years.

Handicapped Orphanage:

The orphanage was founded by Julius Jia Zhiguo, underground bishop of Zhengding, Hebei, about twenty two years ago. It is home to about a hundred disabled children who are being cared for by a group of thirty nuns. We reported on January 11, 2011 (<http://www.cardinalkungfoundation.org/pr/pr2011-01-11.php>) that the government threatened to close this orphanage in an attempt to blackmail Bishop Jia into joining the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association. Prayers and international outcry gave effective support to Bishop Jia. **Today, the orphanage is still operating.** Our Foundation is one of the major benefactors of this orphanage providing



financial support for the daily needs of these hundred orphans and the over thirty nuns that care for them full time. We have also provided funds to repair the dilapidated house and put in running water to save the nuns from significant hard labor in transporting water from elsewhere every day.

Vocation Support to the Underground Catholic Church in China:

In the past five fiscal years from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012, your donation enabled the Foundation to award cash grants to approximately 130 underground seminarians, priests, and nuns to assist them to study in Rome, Italy, Spain, Germany, France, and the Philippines for their higher religious education. According to each individual's needs, each received an average subsidy of approximately \$5,000 cash grant during their years of study overseas. Their course of studies ranges from a Bachelors Degree to Ph.D. in Philosophy, Theology, Canon Law, Education, Pastoral Ministry, and in other subjects. Many graduated with high honors including Summa Cum Laude. Almost half of these students have already graduated and have since faithfully & courageously returned to their underground dioceses regardless of the unspeakable risks.

In addition, we supported ten underground convents in China, awarding each an average of almost \$17,000 cash grant for the formation of their novices, and to supplement the nuns in their pastoral activities, We sent dozens of these nuns to universities in China for professional training in Nursing, Teaching, Western Medicine as well as Chinese Herbal Medicine.

We also directly supported a number of underground dioceses for their pastoral activities such as student summer CCD camps and religious seminar for underground clergy and religious. We have transferred stipends for 22,500 Holy Masses for the intentions of our many donors to our underground priests to support their living expenses and pastoral works. As Christmas is just around the corner, most of us have someone in our lives for whom we struggle every year to find the appropriate gift. Consider the gift of a Holy Mass or a Novena of 9 Masses. The graces from a Holy Mass will always be suitable for any personality or any circumstances, and will always be appreciated. At the same time, your \$10 Mass Stipend for each Holy Mass will also be helping an underground priest during this holy seasons. Please write or email us at cardinalkungfdn@cs.com or call 203-329-9712 for blank Mass cards (please indicate for General Intention or for Repose of the Soul).

Financial situation of the Cardinal Kung Foundation

Due to the financial downturn during the past few years, some of our donors have suffered lower income, lost jobs, or been forced into retirement. These donors had no choice but to drastically reduce their level of donations to the Foundation. The Foundation regrettably must in turn reduce our subsidy to these religious, convents and dioceses making their already marginal living standard even lower. Some very worthwhile programs for the underground Church had to be stopped temporarily or reduced in scope. On an average, **our subsidies to each individual or diocese have been reduced by as much as 40% in the last five years.** It is heartbreaking for us, knowing how much they rely on these subsidies. Many donors have been with us for over ten years and some since we started the Foundation twenty years ago in 1992. They struggled financially, but kept sending their donations to the Underground Church. No word can adequately express our gratitude to you for your love to the Catholic Underground Church in China and your love and support to the Foundation.

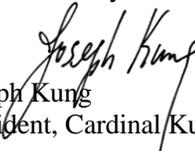
If you are so blessed to be in a position to increase your donations to us, you may be able to make up to some extent for those who must reduce their donations due to financial hardship. We humbly ask you to consider doing this increase. Your sacrificial support to the Underground Catholic Church in China is most important for the future of these suffering dioceses, underground clergy, and convents. May Our Lady of Sheshan reward you and your family abundantly during this Holy Season of Christmas and in 2013.

Change of Foundation's postal address

As the result of the relocation of our post office, effective January 19, 2013 , our address will be changed from " Cardinal Kung Foundation, PO Box 8086, Ridgeway Center, Stamford, CT 06905" to "Cardinal Kung Foundation, PO Box 8086, High Ridge Post Office, 19 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905"

Thank you.

Yours sincerely in Christ


Joseph Kung
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