

# HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY



Commodious and accessible: a new Home.

### A New Home

SIX months ago Fr. Bonaldo, P.I.M.E., led the diocesan Seminary of the Holy Spirit from its cramped and inaccessible quarters in Sai Kung to the new, commodious and accessible home in Pokfulam.

Benefactors all over the world had helped the new Seminary. Nevertheless it was primarily a diocesan achievement. The initiative came from the Bishop, and the contributions that made action possible came largely from members of the diocese, mainly in small sums. You may remember the lists of donations that used to appear in the Sunday Examiner:

- Miss X for a bed-stand - - \$10
- Mr. X for a Chair - - - \$20
- Anonymous for side altar - \$75

and so on. Everything is a gift in the new seminary. To quote Fr. Bonaldo: 'The place is a gift. The water in the well is a gift. Whatever we see is a gift



The study hall as the professor sees it.



A Lesson in Manly Devotion.

The opening day on May 26, was 'Open Day,' and the members of the diocese had an opportunity to see what use had been made of their generous contributions. With good reason, they were well satisfied.

### Progress

Now, almost exactly six months after the move to the new building, the Rector, Fr. Bonaldo, has been summoned to Italy to take up an important

The progress is truly impressive. The pictures on this page show that the Seminarians live in surroundings that are a real help to their formation. The architect designed a building with the permanent beauty of good proportions, cleanliness, and ample light. His design has been respected. There is no luxury; but there is everywhere an ordered simplicity well suited to a life of prayer and study. To study in the study-hall

the Seminary have already reached 'Ko Chung 2.' Next year 'Ko Chung 3' will be started. For those who have completed their secondary education elsewhere, there are special classes in Latin and English.

Every class has its own separate fully equipped classroom, and considerable progress has already been made in the provision of the equipment for the science room.

Such elaborate provision might seem excessive if the Seminary were merely a school with only thirty-three pupils. But the Seminary is not merely that. It is our Seminary, the place in which the future priests of Hong Kong are being trained. Nothing is too much to do for them.

It is moreover to be hoped, that the number will not remain at thirty-three. There is ample room for expanding numbers, and there is very good reason for thinking that that numbers will expand steadily, or even suddenly.

### Spirit of the Seminary

The Seminary has a good building, and a well organized course of studies. That is good, but it is not enough. Much more important is the spirit of the Seminary. Statistics can tell us nothing about that; but indications are to hand. The gay courtesy of the young man who greeted the writer of these lines last Saturday is one small significant indication. Our picture of the smiling faces gathered round the new Rector and the old is a highly significant indication that Fr. Einaudi has received from Fr. Bonaldo the only inheritance he really cares about, a group of seminarians with a good spirit. The Seminary is really the Holy Spirit Seminary.



The study hall seen from a student's desk.

— every stone, the chairs, the beds, the desks, the vestments, the pew, the altars in the chapel, everything. . . . The Seminary of the Holy Ghost is truly a diocesan Seminary, built by the diocese for the diocese.

administrative post. It seems opportune to examine the progress that has been made during the six months that have passed, and to see what kind of inheritance Fr. Bonaldo leaves to his successor, Fr. Einaudi.

should be an aesthetic education for every seminarian. To pray in the chapel should be a lesson in manly devotion.

### Studies

The studies have been thoroughly organized. For 33 seminarians there is a staff of eleven — four priests permanently resident in the Seminary, and seven lay teachers drawn from the ranks of the skilled and trained teachers of Hong Kong. Classes for those who are receiving their whole education in



Fr. Einaudi, the new Rector, with some of his seminarians and Frs. J. Alessio, J. Chang, and P. Bonaldo (symbolically in eclipse).