

Ordination Rites At Wanchai Church

Regional Seminary Graduates and Dominicans to be Ordained Priests by Bishop Bianchi

TOMORROW, the first Saturday of July has been chosen by His Lordship Bishop Lawrence Bianchi for the ordination to the priesthood of eleven candidates from the Regional Seminary of Our Lady Queen of China in Aberdeen and six candidates from the Dominican Priory of St. Albert at Rosaryhill.

The ordination rite will be held at Holy Souls' Church, Wanchai and will begin at six o'clock in the afternoon in what will probably be the first ordinations at an evening Mass in the history of the Church in Hong Kong.

The ordinands are the Rev. Philip Chan, 32, and Rev. Joseph Tang, 28 from the Diocese of Hong Kong; the Rev. John Yan, 28, Rev. Joseph Lee, 27, assigned to work in Hong Kong; the Rev. Joseph Pong, 30, Rev. Paul Tang, 29, Rev. Thomas Jiang, 29, Rev. Hyacinth Wu, 25, Rev. Dominic Hsu, 25, Rev. Joseph Chen, 33, and the Rev. Francis Li, 30, all assigned for work in Taiwan.

Following their ordinations the new priests will say their first Masses in various parish churches in Hong Kong.

Most of the new priests studied for seven to eight years at the Regional Seminary. Father Joseph Tang, former pupil of the Salesian school in Macao began his ecclesiastical studies at the Macao Seminary and before entering the Regional Seminary in Hong Kong was for two years in the Carmelite Noviciate in Goa.

Father Philip Chan also first entered the Macao Seminary where he studied for five years. During the war he had to interrupt his studies and for some six years he taught in different places in Kwangtung. After the war he was for a year in the Seminary of the Holy Ghost in Saikung and for the past seven years he studied at the Regional Seminary in Aberdeen. Father Chan is a gifted teacher-catechist.

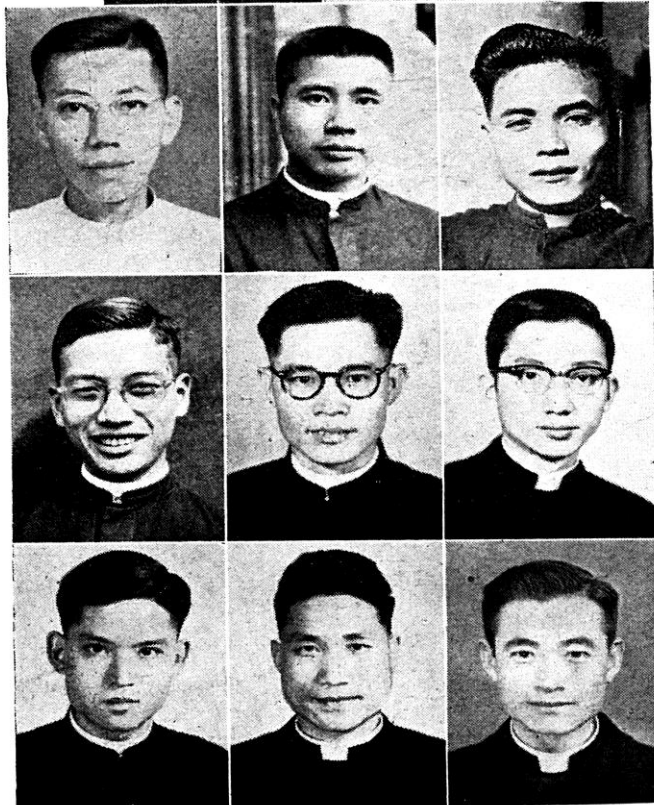
Father Joseph Lee who will also work in Hong Kong has spent the past seven years at the Regional Seminary. He has two sisters who are nuns, one in the Providence Convent in the United States, the other with the Maryknoll Sisters in Kowloon.

Father John Yang, likewise assigned to work in Hong Kong, has spent eight years in the Regional Seminary.

Father Paul Tang, who will go to Chaiyi following his ordination has during his seminary years done outstanding work for the poor among the Aberdeen boat-dwellers.

The six ordinands from the

Dominican Order are Rev. Abelardo Beltran and Rev. Mariano Lucena from the Philippines; Rev. John B. Hoang, Rev. Dominic Hung, Rev. Peter Quang and Rev. Joseph Ly from Vietnam.



From left to right: Rev. Philip Chan, Rev. Joseph Tang, Rev. Joseph Pong, Rev. Joannes Yang, Rev. Joseph Lee, Rev. Paul Tang, Rev. Thomas Jiang, Rev. Hyacinth Wu, Rev. Dominic Hsu, Rev. Joseph Shen, Rev. Francis Li.