

Thanks from the Vicar Capitular

DEAR brothers and sisters in Christ,
Recently the Holy See announced the appointment of a bishop for our diocese. This brought great joy to the Church of Hong Kong. Let us give thanks to God!

Since the death of our beloved Bishop Lei last July, I, as Vicar Capitular, have been endeavouring, in union with the Diocesan consultors, to carry on the work left by both Bishop Hsu and Bishop Lei. With the cooperation and active support of the clergy, the religious and the faithful, we have striven to continue to the best of our ability the work of the diocese despite the fact that the diocese had lost two good shepherds.

I wish, on behalf of the Diocesan consultors, to express to you all, our sincere gratitude and our heartfelt thanks!

The Church, being one and universal, needs the support of all her members, who should respect one another, cooperate with one another and work together in order to fulfil the mission of the Church. Enlightened by my experience in the past few months, I firmly believe that the hard work of all the clergy, the religious and the faithful of the diocese, has enabled the Church of Hong Kong to grow and to reach a certain degree of maturity. The diocese has the strength and resources needed to carry out the mission of evangelisation and to spread the kingdom of God. Thus, although our new bishop may not be very familiar with the Hong Kong Church of today, yet, if the entire people of God give him the support and the full cooperation that you have given me and that you gave to our two late bishops, I am confident that the diocese will continue to grow and to fulfil her mission.

Let us pray sincerely that, with one heart and mind, we may give loyal support to the new bishop.
May the peace of Christ be with you always.

(Fr.) *Gabriel Lam*
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