

Episcopal Ordination

Programme for the Ordination of the Most Rev. John Baptist Wu as Bishop of Hong Kong

THE Episcopal Ordination and the Formal Installation of Rt. Reverend John Baptist Wu Cheng-Chung as Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong will take place on Friday, July 25, 1975 in the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road, Hong Kong.

The ceremony will start at 5.00 p.m.

His Eminence Agnelo Cardinal Rossi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples from Rome will officiate at this ceremony. He will be assisted by the Most Rev. Peter Tou, Bishop of Hsinchu, Taiwan, under whom the Bishop-elect has worked for the last 18 years as a parish priest, and by the Most Rev. Frederick Donaghy, M.M., Bishop of Wuchow.

On this occasion of the Episcopal Ordination and Formal Installation Ceremony, it has been decided that seats should be reserved in the Cathedral only for a limited number of official representatives from each parish and from the various religious communities, and for those invited from the Christian Churches and other religious bodies. Thus the rest of the space in the Cathedral will be available for all who wish to attend.

After the religious ceremony there will be Reception in the Community Hall of Caritas House at 6.30 p.m.

It is regretted that no parking space will be available in the Cathedral compound during the religious ceremony. Experience indicates that so many people will want to attend that some will have to stand outside and around the Cathedral, taking part in the ceremony as members of the congregation. The compound must be reserved for them.

The Rt. Rev. John Baptist Wu Cheng-Chung was nominated by Pope Paul VI as Bishop of Hong Kong in April, 1975, in succession to the Most Rev. Peter Lei Wang-Kei who died on 23rd July, 1974.

Mgr. John Baptist Wu was born on March 26, 1925 in the Parish of Shui-tsaai in the County of Ng-wa (Province of Kwangtung) in the diocese of Kaying. He studied Philosophy and Theology in the Regional Seminary at Aberdeen, Hong Kong, and was ordained to the Priesthood on July 6, 1952 in that same Catholic Cathedral, Hong Kong, in which now, 23 years later he is to be ordained Bishop. He did pastoral work in Hong Kong for a brief period. After this he was sent to Rome for post-graduate studies at the Pontifical Urban University, from which he graduated "summa cum laude" as Doctor in Canon Law in 1956. Mgr. Wu then worked for short periods in the Archdiocesan Chanceries of New York, Boston and Chicago in the United States, after which he resumed pastoral work in Miaoli, Hsinchu Diocese, Taiwan. At the time of his nomination to the See of Hong Kong, he was the Parish Priest of St. Anne Church, Miaoli.