

Dear Father Lee,

We the Discalced Carmelites in Markham Canada (from the Stanley, Hong Kong Carmel) have just learned about the sad news of the passing away of our dear Cardinal Wu into eternal life.

Please accept our condolences and be assured of our prayers for the repose of his soul, his family and the Diocese of Hong Kong. We are also fervently praying for Bishop Zen for the many blessings and graces in taking up the responsibility to lead the Catholic faithful in Hong Kong.

With deepest sympathy and prayers,

Your Carmelite Sisters at Markham, Canada

Dear Bishop Zen,

My colleagues in the British Consulate-General and I were saddened to learn that Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung passed away yesterday.

Cardinal Wu devoted himself and his life to the service of the Catholic Church, the Diocese of Hong Kong and the people of Hong Kong, both Catholic and non-Catholic. He will be sorely missed. But he will also be remembered with great affection. I send sincere condolences to the Diocese and to Cardinal Wu's relatives at this time of loss. No words can ease the pain at such times. But there is consolation in recalling Cardinal Wu's life and the high regard in which he was held. He will be remembered in our thoughts and our prayers.

We shall think of you too as you begin your time as head of the Catholic Church in Hong Kong. We wish you well in the discharge of your new duties.

British Consulate-General, Hong Kong

Your Eminence Bishop Zen,

I have just been informed of the passing away of His Eminence Cardinal John Baptist WU Cheng-Chung.

It is with a great sadness that I would like to express to yourself and the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong my deepest and sincere sympathy for this great loss.

Consulat General de France, Hong Kong, Le Consul General

Bishop Zen,

In the middle of our Assembly here in Rome we received the news of the departure for heaven of Cardinal Wu and would like to send you and the whole Diocese our deepest condolence, prayer and unity.

We have immediately remembered our beloved Cardinal in the Holy Mass together with Chiara Lubich, foundress and president of the Work of Mary and the other 600 participants of the Assembly. We are most grateful to His Eminence for his love and support for the Focolare Movement and his guidance of the Church in Hong Kong with his deep and unshaken faith in the love and plan of God for the Chinese people.

We would like to renew our unity and prayer for Your Excellency in the new mission of guiding the Hong Kong Church in bringing the good news to the Chinese people.

Rita Azarian and Francis Yan – Focolare Movement

Monsignor,

It is with great sorrow that I heard this morning on the radio that Cardinal John B. Wu was called next to our Heavenly Father. What a great loss to the Church of Hong Kong. I had a golden opportunity to meet him last year in his residence.

I offer my condolence to the people of Hong Kong.

Superior General, Institut des Coeurs des Missions Etrangeres, Notre Dame de La Motte, France

The Sunday Examiner will continue to print condolence letters on behalf of Cardinal John B. Wu on page 2 each week until all have been acknowledged

Dearest Monsignor Zen,

We have just received word of the passing of His Eminence Cardinal John Baptist Wu, bishop of Hong Kong. In the name of the missionaries of the Pontifical Foreign Mission Institute (P.I.M.E.) and in particular of those who have worked there in the past and are working there now out of love for the Chinese People, I extend to you and to all the people of the diocese of Hong Kong our most vivid and heartfelt condolences. During his long years of pastoral service as the bishop of Hong Kong, Cardinal Wu has been for us a wise father who has guided us securely through his many expressions of encouragement and of hope. The P.I.M.E. community by virtue of its long association with your diocese feels particularly close to all of you in this moment of sorrow. May the Lord of Life receive into his light this faithful servant and through him grant the gift of consolation and peace to the whole Christian community of Hong Kong.

Although it will not be possible for me to attend in person, I will be represented by our Vicar General at the funeral obsequies of His Eminence. Be assured of the prayers of all of us.

P.I.M.E. Superior General

Dear Bishop Joseph Zen,

In hearing the sad news of the departure of our beloved Cardinal John B. Wu we all: Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate (PIME Sisters) would like to convey our deepest sympathies.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Cardinal Wu sure that he from heaven will bless our Diocese and all the people of Hong Kong and China.

May you receive strength from the Lord in this moment of loss.

Let us continue to pray the Father that we may all experience the fruits of hope and joy of His Resurrection.

With Prayers:

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate (PIME SISTERS)

Dear Rev. Bishop Zen,

I wish to assure you of my prayer for the repose of Cardinal Wu and my support for you and the Diocese. I have been following the news of the Cardinal and shared it with the Sisters here for the General Chapter. We are all praying for him and the diocese.

I will surely follow the days for prayer and the funeral of the Cardinal in spirit and in prayer. I share the pain and sorrow of the Diocese in the loss of a good pastor and I pray the Lord will be your strength and consolation as you have to take up the responsibility of the Diocese.

Closely united with you in Christ,
Sr. Judith Yuen fmm, from Rome

Most Reverend Bishop Zen,

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to you for the departure of our Beloved Cardinal John B. Wu. Be assured of our prayers for his repose. We will also continue our prayers and support for you and for the Hong Kong Diocese.

All the MIC sisters of Hong Kong

Most Rev. Bishop Zen

Your Excellency,

My most heartfelt condolences for the demise of our beloved Cardinal Wu. We have prayed for the eternal repose of his soul and we have no doubts he is already in Heaven for he was a man of prayer, totally devoted to the souls entrusted to him, faithful to the end. I will remember him in my Mass tomorrow and all the faithful of the Prelature in Hong Kong are praying for him.

Rest assured also of our prayers for you and the new responsibilities you have received. They are heavy but with the grace of God and the prayers of all, we would like to make it sweet and gentle as Our Lord promised to those faithful to Him.

Yours affectionately in Christ,

Regional Vicar, Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus Dei

Dear Bishop Zen,

Peace Greetings from the CCA Centre!

I would like to express, on behalf of the officers and staff of the Christian Conference of Asia, condolences to you and the Catholic Church community in Hong Kong for the death of Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung. May he find eternal rest as he goes home to our Maker.

Meanwhile, may I also take this opportunity to give you warm felicitations as you take over the top cleric post of the Catholic Church in Hong Kong.

This comes with best wishes as you continue to do your pastoral and prophetic calling as head of the church here in Hong Kong.

General Secretary, Christian Conference of Asia

Msgr. Joseph Zen, SDB, DD,

Your Excellency,

We received with sorrow the news concerning the demise of John Baptist Cardinal Wu, Bishop of Hong Kong. On behalf of all the Dominican fathers in Hong Kong I should like to convey to you and the clergy as well as to the relatives of His Eminence, our sympathy and prayers of our Dominican Communities. We shall particularly remember His Eminence at Mass and the Office.

We thank God for the privilege of serving the faithful of the Diocese and the people of Hong Kong under the leadership of His Eminence.

Let me avail of this opportunity to offer our prayers to God asking for his blessings and guidance on your future pastoral service to the faithful, as Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Provincial Prior, Dominican Province of Our Lady of the Rosary

Dear Bishops Joseph Zen, John Tong, Reverend Dominic Chan and all diocesan Priests,

We are saddened by the news of the demise of our Beloved Cardinal John Baptist Wu and wish to assure you of the prayers of the Little Sisters of the Poor and Residents for the repose of his soul and for the diocese. May the Lord in His abundant goodness introduce him into the heavenly abode where together with all the saints they sing His praises forever.

The Lord is my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want

Fresh and green are the pastures where He gives me repose

Near restful waters He leads me to revive my drooping spirit.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Little Sisters of the Poor

Most Reverend Joseph Zen

Your Excellency,

I have just received news of the death of His Eminence, John Baptist Cardinal Wu, on September 23 and it is with deep, personal sadness that I wish to extend to Your Excellency, the priests, religious and faithful of Hong Kong my condolences on this sorrowful occasion. His Eminence had faithfully devoted his life to the pastoral care of the people of Hong Kong and to the spread of the Gospel in Asia and I know that his passing away will leave a void in the hearts of many.

Over the years, Cardinal Wu and I had developed a close, friendly relationship, cemented all the more by our geographical proximity and the cultural traits which we held in common. We were together at many functions in Rome and elsewhere but, more importantly, we were both deeply concerned with the goal of the evangelization of Asia. In addition, I was always grateful for the genuine interest which His Eminence had shown towards the Korean Catholic community in Hong Kong and I feel that much of their fervour was due to the attention which he paid to them.

I wish to assure Your Excellency of my prayers for the happy repose of His Eminence and for the grieving faithful of the Hong Kong Diocese, with whose sadness and sense of loss I feel solidarity. As we commend the soul of Cardinal Wu to the Father's love and compassion, we also give thanks for the gift that God gave us in the person and priesthood of John Baptist Wu.

With my prayerful best wishes for Your Excellency as you continue to guide the Church in Hong Kong, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Stephen Cardinal Kim,

Archbishop Emeritus of Seoul

Dear Bishop Zen,

I am at present in Hong Kong presiding over the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council.

In the name of us all we are so sorry to learn of the death of Cardinal Wu. I met him some ten years ago and respect him as a fine Christian leader. May he rest in Peace.

While I am writing this I extend the warmest greetings to you on your election as his successor. I know you will bring to the task much insight, courage and prophetic vision and a great desire for all to know and follow Our Lord.

May God bless you and your Church richly.
George Cantuar (Archbishop of Canterbury)

Bishop Zen,

It is with heartfelt sorrow and deep loss that I learned of the passing of His Eminence John Baptist Cardinal Wu Cheng-chung. As recognized by His Holiness, Cardinal Wu inspired "all to ever greater generosity in Christian living." By doing so, he will forever be remembered for his integrity and his unwavering dedication to the betterment of the world.

On behalf of the Directors, Advisors and Staff of the Institute on Religion and Public Policy, I offer my condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Cardinal's family and loved ones. I pray that they can be lifted in these times by the dignity, leadership, zeal and compassion that Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung held in his heart. We will all truly miss him.

President, Institute of Religion and Public Policy, Washington, D.C.

Bishop Joseph Zen,

We have just received the sad news of the demise of your devoted Cardinal John Baptist Wu. We wish to offer you and all the bishops and clergy and faithful of Hong Kong, our sincere condolences.

When we look back on his long years of faithful service to the Church, his courage, dynamism and concern for all those entrusted to his pastoral care, we have no doubt of the warm welcome he received in eternity. His sufferings are over and may he now rest in peace.

We, therefore, join you in thought and prayer in these sorrowful moments but also moments full of hope that the beloved Cardinal will not abandon his people but will intercede for them all the more.

Superior General of M.I.C. Sisters

Dear Bishop Zen,

It was with great sadness that the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers here at Maryknoll Centre learned the news of Cardinal Wu's death. On behalf of all the Members of Maryknoll Society, I extend prayerful condolences and a promise of prayers for Cardinal Wu as he enters his eternal reward. It has indeed been a privilege and honour for the many Maryknollers who had the opportunity to know and to work with Cardinal Wu over the years. His Eminence never lost sight of his commitment to Evangelisation, especially to the Church in China.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for the Diocese of Hong Kong, for the Church in China and especially for you during this difficult moment.

Superior General, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Bishop Joseph Zen,

The Maryknoll Sisters were saddened to learn of the death of Cardinal John Baptist Wu and wish to extend to you, Bishop John Tong Hon and all the people of Hong Kong our sincere condolences and prayers.

During a prayer service held for Cardinal Wu last evening at our Maryknoll Sisters Centre, memories were shared by those present. It is clear that the Cardinal had made a lasting pastoral impression on the lives of many.

President of the Maryknoll Sisters

Dear Bishop Zen,

May the grace and peace of the Risen Lord be present in your Ministry and in your life always.

I have been sadly informed that His Eminence Cardinal John Baptist Wu Cheng-Chung, Bishop of Hong Kong for 27 years passed away. I want to send my deepest and most sincere condolences, as well as the prayers for his eternal rest on behalf of our Missionaries of Guadalupe Institute and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in Hong Kong.

The arrival of our first group of Missionaries to Hong Kong was in exactly the same year that Cardinal Wu started his Episcopal Work. All this time we have been collaborating with you in the Evangelization work. We feel part of your Diocese and for that reason we join you in great sympathy, as well as in the assurance that hope gives us that Cardinal Wu is now enjoying the eternal peace of the Lord.

For the moment, I say goodbye, assuring you of my prayers so that the Lord will be with you and strengthen you in these difficult moments and that our Mother Mary of Guadalupe will protect all of you always.

Superior General, Guadalupe Fathers

Dear Most Rev. Joseph Zen,

On behalf of the Philippine Government and the Filipino people, we convey to you our most heartfelt condolences on the passing away of His Eminence Cardinal John B. Wu Cheng-Chung, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong SAR.

We join those who pay tribute to His Eminence for his lifelong dedicated service in guiding the faithful and his significant role in leading the Church, most particularly in Hong Kong, through its most trying times.

During the watch of His Eminence, we are most grateful for his leadership and kindness in ministering to the spiritual formation and growth of close to 150,000 Filipino faithful in Hong Kong. Through the years past, it was most gratifying to see our nationals able to actively practise their faith together with their brothers and sisters in Hong Kong and immensely benefit from the various programmes of the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong.

Let me take this opportunity to express to you our commitment, in solidarity with the Catholic faithful in Hong Kong, to persevere in contributing in our modest way for the continued growth of the church. We shall fervently pray for your success as you take the helm of the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong.
Philippines Consul General

Condolence letters on behalf of Cardinal Wu

Dear Bishop Zen,

I wish to express my deepest condolences on the passing away of Cardinal John Baptist Wu. I am sure he will be missed and remembered for his selfless devotion and contribution to the Catholic Diocese and the community at large.

I would also like to congratulate you on your appointment as Cardinal Wu's successor. My colleagues in the Security Bureau and I wish you every success in your new position.

Mrs. Regina Ip, Secretary for Security