

## BIANCHI Lorenzo Mgr. Mons. 白英奇主教

(1899 - 1983)

第二個香港教區的主教 2nd Bishop of Hong Kong Diocese 2 Vescovo della Diocesi di Hong Kong



白英奇主教於 1899 年 4 月 1 日出生在布雷西亞的歌丹諾高奇。1920 年 11 月 4 日加入郎巴地外方傳教修院，1922 年 9 月 23 日晉鐸，1923 年 7 月 29 日前往香港，他被派到海豐服務，他的足跡幾乎遍佈整個海豐地區，主要是在海豐城和聖若瑟村。他曾多次面臨生命危險，甚至在 1927 年 12 月遭到拘禁。

二戰期間，白神父與其他傳教士一起被扣留並被送到嘉應梅縣（1943-1946 年）。1949 年 10 月 9 日，白神父被任命為香港教區的助理主教，不久，他再次回到海豐。1951 年春，白主教與其他三位神父再一次遭到共產黨政府當局的扣留。1952 年 10 月 17 日才被釋放並返回香港，並成為繼恩理覺主教(1951 逝世) 之後的第二位香港教區主教。

作為香港教區的主教，白主教是一位得力的領導，意志堅定而謙遜。當時他面臨很多問題，尤其是大量的難民湧入。憑著明智的決策，並在其他神職人員的幫助下，白主教積極參與梵帝崗第二屆大公會議，並意識到改革的必要性和新一代的需要。1968 年 11 月底，白主教辭去本職，並決定離開香港，讓繼任的徐誠斌主教完全自由地履行香港第一位華人主教的職務。1969 年 4 月 19 日，白主教回到意大利，並先後在熱那亞的 S. Ilario 和 勒高鎮的 Rancio 過其退休後的生活，1983 年 2 月 13 日因患上肺氣腫於布雷西亞逝世。

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Mgr. Bianchi was born on 1 April 1899 in Corteno, Brescia, he joined the Institute on 4 November 1920, and was ordained a priest on 23 September 1922, leaving for Hong Kong on 29 July 1923. He was assigned to the Hoi Fung district, where he worked in almost all areas, but mainly in Hoi Fung City and St. Joseph's Village, meeting with several serious dangers and a detention in December 1927. During the last war, he was detained and sent to Kaying, Mui Yuen, with the other fathers, from 1943 to 1946. Appointed coadjutor bishop of Hong Kong, he was ordained on 9 October 1949, and then he returned to Hoi Fung. Where, he was again detained with three other fathers by the Communist authorities, in the spring of 1951. He was liberated and returned to Hong Kong on October 17, 1952. He was installed as its second ordinary bishop, since Mgr. Enrico Valtorta had died the previous year. As bishop of Hong Kong, he turned out to be an effective leader, firm but humble. He faced many problems - especially those concerning the great influx of refugees - with wise decisions and with the help of competent cooperators. He took part in the 2nd Vatican Council and understood the need for reforms and for new people. At the end of November 1968, he resigned on behalf of Mgr. Francis Hsu, the first Chinese Bishop, and left Hong Kong on 19 April 1969. In Italy, he retired to St. Ilario, Genoa, and, later, to Rancio, Lecco. He died in Brescia on 13 February 1983.

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Mons. Bianchi è nato l'1-4-1899 a Corteno, Brescia, entrato nell'Istituto il 4-11-1920, ordinato sacerdote il 23-9-1922, e partito per Hong Kong il 29-7-1923. Fu assegnato all'Hoi Fung, dove lavorò in tutti i distretti, ma soprattutto nella città di Hoi Fung e a S. Giuseppe, passando non pochi brutti rischi e l'arresto nel dicembre 1927. Durante la guerra, fu concentrato a Kaying, Muiyuen, con gli altri padri (1943-1946). Nominato vescovo coadiutore di Hong Kong, fu consacrato il 9-10-1949 e subito dopo ritornò in Hoi Fung. Qui, con altri tre padri, fu detenuto dalla primavera del 1951 al 17 ottobre 1952. Liberato, poté prendere possesso della diocesi, dal momento che Mons. Valtorta era morto. Come vescovo, si rivelò una guida forte ma umile. Affrontò i problemi - specialmente il grande flusso dei profughi - con ferma decisione e l'aiuto di persone competenti. Partecipò al Vaticano II e capì la necessità di riforme e di persone nuove. In novembre 1968 diede le dimissioni, permettendo la nomina del primo vescovo cinese, Mons. Francis Hsu. Lasciò Hong Kong il 19-4-1969. In Italia si ritirò a S. Ilario, Genova, e poi a Rancio di Lecco. Morì a Brescia il 13-2-1983 per enfisema polmonare (Bibl.: Piero GHEDDO, Lorenzo Bianchi di Hong Kong, De Agostini, Novara, 1988 (in italiano, inglese e cinese)).