

REGIONAL SEMINARY GRADUATES WILL BE ORDAINED PRIESTS BISHOP BIANCHI WILL OFFICIATE AT ORDINATION RITES IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

JULY seventh, the first Saturday of the month and the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, the holy Bishops whose translation of the Bible and the Liturgy for the Slavs was an important landmark in the conversion of the Slavic world to Christianity, has been chosen by Bishop Lawrence Bianchi for the ordination to the priesthood of five candidates from the Regional Seminary of Our Lady Queen of China in Aberdeen and one candidate for the Franciscan Order from the Seminary of St. Joseph in Macao.

As part of Bishop Bianchi's programme for vocation promotion, the ordination rites will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 174 Pokfulam Road, in the parish of Taikoulao and will begin at 9 a.m.

The Taikoulao parish of our Lady of Lourdes is one of the oldest in Hong Kong. Established under Bishop A. Piazzoli in 1896 the parish is in the care of the priests from the Foreign Mission Society of Paris and the present parish priest is Father R. Chevalier, M.E.P.

From South China

All the candidates from the Regional Seminary in Aberdeen come from South China. They are Reverend John B. Chen and Stephen Chu from Kaying; Reverend Simon T'o from Kweilin and Reverend Anthony Chan and Philip So from Kongmoon. The candidate for the Franciscan Order is the Reverend John B. Tche.

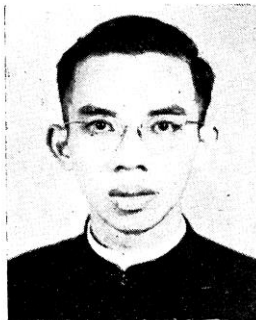
Local Boy

He was born in Hongkong, on August 28, 1930 and studied at the Tak Ching Middle School of the Precious Blood Sisters. In 1944 he entered the Minor Seminary in Macao, and in 1949 the Major Seminary. Feeling himself called to the Religious life, he decided to enter the Franciscan Order. At the end of July he will leave Hongkong for Italy where he will join the Franciscans in Ancona.

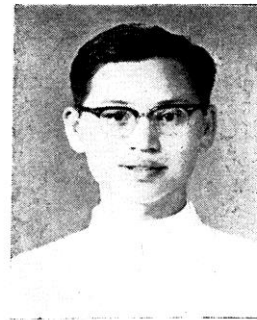
Appealing for prayers from all Catholics in Hong Kong the young candidates for the priesthood have invited all who find the time to visit Our Lady of Lourdes Church on that Saturday and to be present at their ordination. Their prayers and remembrance on their first Mass will go to all who made their stay in Hong Kong and their studies at the Regional Seminary in the freedom of Hong Kong possible.

First Masses

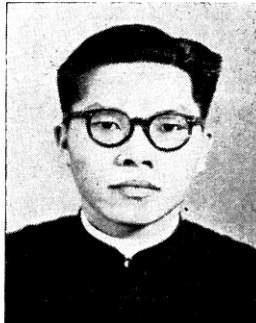
The new priests will offer their First Mass on the following Sunday, July 8; Father John B. Chen in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Pokfulam; Father Stephen Chu in the Chapel of Our Lady's Nativity in the Bishop Ford Centre, Tung Tao Village, Kowloon; Father Simon T'o in St. Peter's Church, Aberdeen; Father Anthony Chan in Rosary Chapel, Smithfield Road, Kennedy Town; Father Philip So in the Carmelite Monastery Chapel,



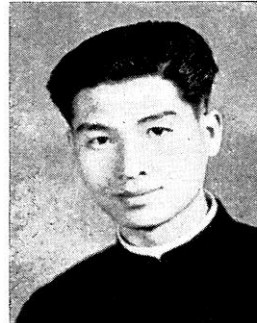
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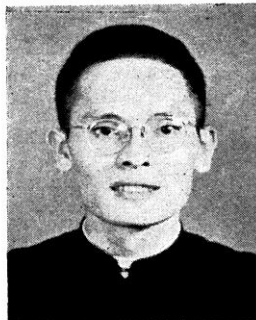
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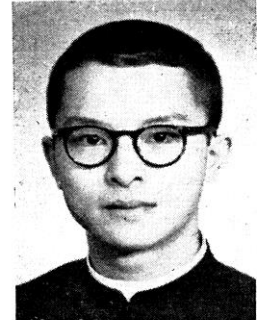
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