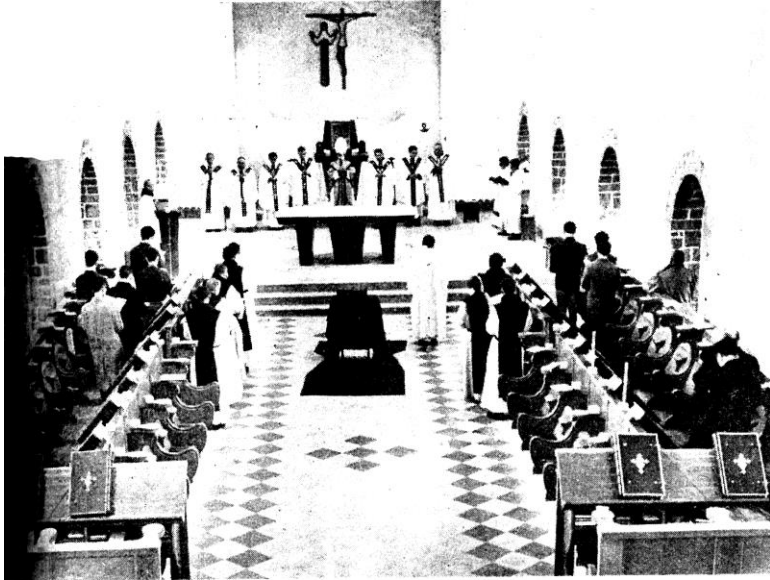


Hong Kong Trappist's Profession



Bishop Bianchi and seven other priests concelebrate the Mass during which Brother Clement Kong made his final profession as a Trappist and Brother Aegidius Chong received Minor Orders, in the chapel of the Trappist Monastery, Lantau Island, Hong Kong, on February 2, the feast of the Purification of Our Lady.



Bishop Bianchi confers the Orders of Exorcist and Acolyte upon Brother Aegidius.

BROTHER Clement Kong made his Solemn Profession at the Trappist Monastery of Our Lady of Liesse, Lantau Island, on February 2, the feast of the Purification of Our Lady. Brother Aegidius Chong received the orders of Exorcist and Acolyte.

Brother Kong was the second Hong Kong Trappist to take permanent vows. He graduated from the Northcote Training College and taught for three years before he entered the Trappist Monastery; studied two years of Latin, in the novitiate two years and after three years took the first vows. He has now finished his philosophy course. Afterwards he will continue in the theology course.

Brother Aegidius Chong originally came from the Holy Spirit Seminary. With the Bishop's permission he transferred to the Trappist Monastery as he felt call to the strict observance of a contemplative order. He took his permanent vows two years ago. He is now studying third year theology.



Brother Clement and Father Simeon, Prior of Lantau, meet in the solemn ceremony of Final Profession.



Brother Clement and Father Simeon meet in the very unsolemn ceremony of rejoicing that followed. Those who know the Trappists only from novels or films or from vague conjecture, may be surprised to see two of them united in appreciation of an iced cake. Those who know the Trappists will not be surprised. Trappist life is austere but it is in no way inhuman. A gift for human relations is one of the characteristics looked for in a candidate for Trappist life—another surprise.