

# Father Hsu Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong



**P**OPE Paul VI has appointed the Rev. Francis Hsu, Director of the Catholic Centre, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong.

Father Hsu is the first Chinese priest of Hong Kong to be nominated to the episcopacy and the first Auxiliary Bishop of Hong Kong, a newly created office.

Father Hsu is 47 years old. Born in Shanghai, he was educated in St. John's University, Shanghai and Merton College, Oxford, where he undertook postgraduate studies and obtained the degree of B.Litt. in English Language and Literature. He received his theological training in the Pontifical Bede College in Rome, a seminary for late vocations.

Shortly after his ordination to the priesthood in 1959, Father Hsu came back to Hong Kong and was appointed editor of *Kung Kao Po* the Chinese Catholic weekly. In 1961, he was appointed Director of Catholic Centre, which has overall control over the Catholic Truth Society, the Catholic Press, Public Relations and the Catholic Club. In recent years he has played an increasingly more active role in assisting Bishop L. Bianchi in the administration of the fast growing diocese.

Prior to his ordination as a priest, Father Hsu had an academic career. He had been professor of English in Chungking and Nanking and later a member of the staff of the Commissioner-General for S.E. Asia.

Details of his consecration will be announced later.

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