

香港教區會議

分組首次會議

地點：香港公教進行社

禮儀與聖事小組	二月廿三日(星期一)下午八時至十時
宗教教育小組	二月廿四日(星期二)下午八時至十時
普通教育小組	首次會議定期三月十一日(星期三)舉行
教友生活小組	二月廿六日(星期四)下午八時至十時
司鐸生活小組	二月廿七日(星期五)下午八時至十時
修道生活小組	三月二日(星期一)下午八時至十時
社會工作小組	三月三日(星期二)下午八時至十時
大眾傳播小組	三月四日(星期三)下午八時至十時
合一運動小組	三月五日(星期四)下午八時至十時
教區行政小組	三月六日(星期五)下午八時至十時
福音傳播小組	三月七日(星期六)下午八時至十時

歡迎教內人仕列席參加討論

(會場內備有各組草案)

Diocesan Convention

Programme of forthcoming meetings to discuss draft documents

Place: Catholic Centre

Time: 8 p.m.-10 p.m.

Monday, February 23rd

Liturgy and Sacraments

Tuesday, February 24th

Religious Instruction

Wednesday, February 25th

(N.B. First discussion on Education will take place on Wednesday, March 11th)

Thursday, February 26th

Laity

Friday, February 27th

Priestly Life

Monday, March 2nd

Religious

Tuesday, March 3rd

Social Dimension of the Church

Wednesday, March 4th

Communications Media

Thursday, March 5th

Ecumenism

Friday, March 6th

Government of Diocese

Saturday, March 7th

Evangelization

All, whether delegates or not, are welcome to come and join in the discussions.

Copies of the Documents may be obtained at the meetings.

Opening of H.K. Diocesan Convention

THE Hong Kong Diocesan Convention opened on Sunday, February 15, with Mass concelebrated by Bishop Hsu and over fifty priests in the great hall in Caritas House.

The choice of this hall for the opening Mass was imposed by the closing of the Cathedral for renovation. Symbolically, the enforced choice was a happy one—the great liturgical function was celebrated in a social centre: the convention is to deal not only with the liturgical life of the diocese, but also with its involvement in the affairs of the whole community.

During the Mass Bishop Hsu preached the following sermon:

"In my last Christmas letter to the people of this diocese, I spoke of the Diocesan Convention as Christ's business, for it is concerned with bringing Christ into our lives and to the people of Hong Kong as a whole. This requires us to take stock of ourselves, to examine our structures and policies, to assess our successes and failures, to renew and update ourselves.

"In harmony with the spirit of Vatican II, we are doing this by calling on the entire Church in Hong Kong. Historically this is the first time that our lay people—in such strength, too, not merely with a symbolic presence—sit with clerical and religious personnel to discuss affairs of the diocese. Religiously the meaning is yet deeper. We are gathered here not as a community of individual believers, still less as experts in Church Government or representatives of ecclesiastical organisations: we are the local Catholic Church, the People of God in Hong Kong, a visible reality of that Mystical Body whose Head is Christ.

"The presence of members of other Christian Churches gives emphasis to one important dimension of our work,



Bishop Hsu of Hong Kong and the priest delegates concelebrate the Diocesan Convention opening Mass.

i.e. the restoration of full unity in Christ. Among the wonderful things we have seen in recent years must surely be included the new bright face of inter-church relationship. Clearly it is the work of no mere men. With humble and grateful hearts we thank God for bringing us together and ask Him to continue to guide us, lest we falter, till we reach the goal of our ecumenical journey.

"The Diocesan Convention is faced with no easy task. In my latest letter addressed to the faithful and read out

THE organizers of the Diocesan Convention have announced that the public—priests, religious and laity—will be welcome not only to attend the meetings of the Diocesan Convention working groups, but also to take part in the discussions.

in all churches this morning, I spoke of the vast changes in which mankind in general and ourselves and all Christians are caught up. Changes are sometimes painful and al-

ways uncomfortable. They jolt us from our accustomed positions. They force us to rethink. They bring up awkward questions. Let us recall how some fifty years ago Chinese youth fought for the right to choose marriage partners for themselves and to set up homes of their own. It was an end of an old social order, and to many it was wellnigh the end of all that was dear and good. But the Chinese nation survived, healthier and happier. Future historians may well describe ours as another of those tormented ages in which visions come into conflict and tensions grow and are resolved in the irresistible march of time.

"But history will also put us on our guard. It is no mere platitude to say it is easier to destroy than to build, to question than to find an answer. Solutions that appear attractive may well, upon closer scrutiny, be found to have defects of their own. In the missionary church, our problems are complicated by differences in culture and national temperament. Solutions tested and found worthy in another land may not be suitable here at all; on the other hand, we may well profit by the experience of other Churches. For us, briefly, history gives us a twofold lesson, that changes are of the law of human progress, and that nobody, no group has a monopoly of wisdom. Age and youth, experience and energy, prudence and dynamism, East and West,—these are not opposing forces

in the reality of life, but can and should complement one another and form a harmonious unity.

"More than the wisdom of history, we need divine guidance. It is for this purpose that we are gathered in this hall at this moment. We ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten and strengthen us with His gifts of Counsel and Understanding, Knowledge and Fortitude, Wisdom, Piety and Fear of the Lord. The business we are concerned with being Christ's business, let us confidently ask the Holy Spirit to teach us all that we should know and help us to accomplish all that is expected of us."

The following observers from other Christian Churches were present at the opening celebration of the Convention:

Anglican Church:

Bishop Gilbert Baker
Dean J. W. Foster
Archdeacon James Pong
Rev. S. Sidebotham

Hong Kong Christian Council:

Mr. Calvin Ngai, Secretary
Rev. R. L. Turnipseed,
Inter-Church Relation Sec.
Rev. Thomas W. Lung (Audio
Visual Evangelism Committee)

Chinese Methodist Church:

Rev. Wong Tsok, Superintendent

Rev. Li Ping-Kwong

American Methodist Church:

Rev. K. B. McIntosh
(Rev. Turnipseed, cf. above)

American Baptist Mission:

Rev. Dr. John W. Olley
Rev. H. W. Smith

Bible Societies in Hong Kong:

Rev. Paul Hsu, Secretary



Bishop Hsu preaches at the Convention opening Mass.

Diocesan Convention

RESULTS of elections of Officials of Working Groups.

- Working Group n. 1
(Liturgy and Sacraments)
Convener: Fr. Edward Hong
Secretaries: (Chinese) Fr. Thaddeus Chan, Miss Ng Yim Yue; (English) Mr. Peter Fenwick, Sr. Louisa Lui.
- Working Group n.2
(Religious Instruction)
Convener: Miss Pauline Cheng
Vice-Convener: Sr. Regina Marie
Secretaries: (Chinese) Mr. Ignatius Lee; (English) Fr. Sean Coghlan
- Working Group n.3
(Education)
Convener: Mr. Geoffrey Mui
Vice-Convener: Miss Nellie Seu
Secretaries: (Chinese) Mr. Augustine Chow Man Hoi; (English) Sr. Veronica Johnston
- Working Group n.4 (Laity)
Convener: Sr. Rose Bernadette Gallagher
Vice-Convener: Mr. Paul Shiu
Secretaries: (Chinese) Fr. John B. Yu; (English) Miss Josephine Kong
- Working Group n.5
(Priestly Life)
Convener: Fr. Vincent Lau
Vice-Convener: Fr. James Smith
Secretaries: (Chinese) Mr. Francis Cheung; (English) Mrs. Alice Wong
- Working Group n.6
(Religious)
Convener: Fr. John O'Meara
Vice-Convener: Bro. Bosco Wei
Secretaries: (Chinese) Sr. Bernadette Woo; (English) Mrs. Mary Flores
- Working Group n.7 (Social Dimension of the Church)
Convener: Mr. Leo Goodstadt
Vice-Convener: Mr. Paul Tsui
Secretaries: (Chinese) Mr. Michael Wong; (English) Fr. P. McGovern
- Working Group n.8
(Communications Media)
Convener: Sr. Beatrice Leung
Vice-Convener: Fr. P. Brady
- Working Group n.9
(Ecumenism)
Convener: Fr. John Tse
Vice-Convener: Miss Theresa Shek
- Working Group n.10
(Government of the Diocese)
Convener: Fr. Francis Wong
Vice-Convener: Fr. Joseph Fung
Secretaries: (Chinese) Mr. John To; (English) Sr. M. Margaret
- Working Group n.11
(Evangelization)
Convener: Fr. Louis Lee
Vice-Convener: Fr. Barbieri
Secretaries: (Chinese) Miss Veronica Soong; (English) Sr. Jeanne Houlihan
- The formation of Group 11 (Evangelization), in answer to many requests, was announced by Father Russell after the opening Mass.