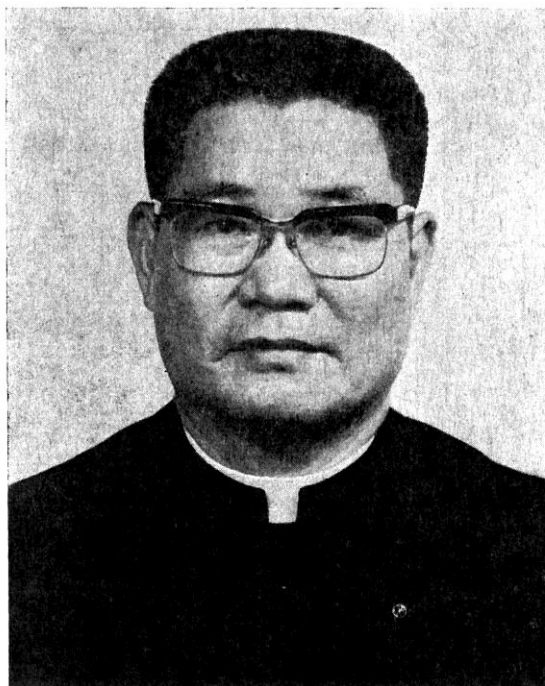


# NEW BISHOP OF HONG KONG



## Bishop-Elect John Baptist Wu Cheng-chung

**H**IS Holiness Pope Paul VI has been pleased to appoint the Reverend John Baptist WU Cheng-chung, Parish Priest of St. Anne's Church, Miaoli, Taiwan, as Bishop of Hong Kong, in succession to Bishop Peter Lei, who died on July 22, 1974.

Our Bishop-elect Wu was born on March 26, 1925, in the Parish of Shui-tsaai in the County of Ng-wa, Province of Kwangtung, in the Diocese of Kaying.

He did a long period of study and a shorter period of pastoral work in Hong Kong and there will be many, priests and lay folk, to greet him not only with the reverence due to a bishop but also with the personal affection due to a friend.

He studied Philosophy and Theology in the Regional Seminary at Aberdeen, Hong Kong, and he belonged to the same year as the late Bishop Lei and Fathers Joseph Mak, P.P., Vincent Lau, P.P., Thomas Lau, P.P., and John Tse, P.P., and was ordained priest with them by Archbishop Riberi, Apostolic Nuncio to China, in the Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Hong Kong, on July 6, 1952.

After ordination he worked in Our Lady's Nativity Church, Tung Tau Tsuen, Kowloon.

He was then sent to Rome for post-graduate studies at the Pontifical Urban University. In his student days he had been an outstanding member of an exceptionally talented year. His contemporaries and his former professors, were pleased, but not at all surprised, when he graduated "summa cum laude" (with the highest honours) as Doctor in Canon Law in 1956.

Father Wu then had the opportunity to acquire experience in diocesan administration by working in the Archdiocesan Chanceries of New York, Boston and Chicago in the United States before going to Taiwan.

He speaks fluent Cantonese, Mandarin, Hakka and English.