

# The Bull Nominating John Baptist Chen-Chung Wu to the See of Hong Kong

*PAUL, BISHOP, SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD,  
to our beloved son JOHN BAPTIST CHEN-CHUNG WU, of the clergy of the  
Diocese of Hsinchu, elected Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong, health and  
Apostolic Blessing.*

*Burdened, like the Apostle Paul, by the daily preoccupation and anxiety  
for all the churches, We strive with the most diligent care that to each church  
be assigned a worthy Bishop, endowed with the qualities befitting a sacred pastor.  
Hence, We had already in our mind that you, whose qualities of mind and heart  
and whose pastoral experience are outstanding, could be nominated to the vacant  
See of Hong Kong. And now, accepting the suggestion of the S. Congregation  
for the Evangelisation of Peoples and of the Nunciature to the Republic of  
China, We do appoint you Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong, conferring  
upon you all the rights and obligations connected with this office.*

*For your greater convenience, We give you permission to be ordained  
outside the city of Rome, by any Catholic Bishop, assisted—in conformity to  
the liturgical laws—by two other Bishops. Before this, however, it will be your  
duty to make the profession of faith and the oath of fidelity to Us and our  
Successors, and to send the formularies, duly signed and sealed, to the S.  
Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples. We order, moreover, that this  
letter of ours be read to the clergy and people in the Cathedral church of your  
Diocese on a day of obligation. Taking this occasion, We exhort the beloved  
faithful of the Diocese not only to receive you with joy as their father and  
pastor, but also to follow the directives you will judge proper to issue as suit-  
able for their spiritual benefit.*

*As for you, beloved son, while We invoke upon you abundant celestial  
blessings, We wish you to reflect on and to put into practice, with God's help,  
the admonition of the Vatican II Council to the Bishops ("Lumen Gentium",  
no. 23): "by governing well their own church as portion of the universal Church,  
they are effectively contributing to the welfare of the whole Mystical Body."*

*Given at Rome, on the 5th day of April 1975.*

*(sgd.) John Card. Villot, Secretary of State.  
Eugene Sevi, Proton. Apost.*