

Prayer for the Catholic Church in Hong Kong

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

As many of you know already, the Apostleship of Prayer has chosen “For the Catholic Church in Hong Kong” as the mission intention to be prayed for in the month of July this year. This choice has been confirmed personally by the Holy Father himself.

Great numbers of Catholics all over the world will join us - through the coming month to pray for us. It is consoling to know that brothers and sisters everywhere will lift their hearts in prayer with us and for us. We pray the good Lord will guide us in our way, strengthen us in our loyalty for Christ and give us the grace we need to carry out our mission. We are sure that these prayers will not go unanswered.

The Church is a communion. All local Churches, of which Hong Kong is one, are integral and inalienable members of the Universal Church. This spirit of

communion has emboldened me to write to all the Bishops of the world inviting them to ask their faithful to join us in prayer during the month of July.

I have also instructed the Diocesan Renewal Movement Committee to plan and to organize prayer meetings and other functions appropriate to this occasion. I invite your wholehearted participation. July for us must be a month of special prayer.

Dear brothers and sisters of the Diocese, I ask you to unite with me in gratitude to all who pray for us - the Pope, the bishops, priests, religious, men and women everywhere. In union with them let us all redouble our prayers throughout the month of July.

God bless you all!

+ John Baptist Wu
The Bishop of Hong Kong
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