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Consecration of Auxiliary Bishop Peter Lei

CHIEF Consecrator: Bishop Francis Hsu of Hong Kong. Co-consecrators: Archbishop Stanislaus Lokuang of Taipei and Bishop Paulo Tavares of Macao.

The ceremony will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8.

No parking space will be available at the Cathedral Compound. The faithful are asked to try their best of make use of public transport if possible. Those coming to the ceremony by private cars or by taxis are asked to alight at the junction of Gleneally and Caine Road. Traffic Police and the Schools' Traffic Patrol will be on duty to give directions. Priests and nuns coming by cars are asked to have their cars parked in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Invited guests should bring along their Invitation Cards and enter by the Main Entrance, where they will be conducted to the place reserved for them. Please be seated by 5.45 p.m.

Admission - Ticket - holders may enter either by the Main Entrance or by the side doors. They will also be conducted to the place reserved for them. Please be seated by 5.30 p.m.

Priests, Religious Brothers, and Sisters in cassocks or



ON Wednesday, 8 September, when Mgr. Peter Lei is being ordained Bishop in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Hong Kong, the solemn and carefully weighed words of the ceremony of Episcopal Ordination will come as a salutary shock to any who have not pondered what episcopal ordination is and what it involves.

There are congratulations in the ceremony, congratulations for the People of God. For the new bishop there are not congratulations but grave and reiterated reminders of the burden that is to be laid upon him, reminders of the total consecration of himself and of all his life that office of bishop demands.

In the introductory exhortation, the consecrating bishop, will speak first of the institution of the episcopate to carry out the mission of Christ. He will then address to the congregation present in the cathedral, and through them to the whole People of God, the following joyful message. 'Take to yourselves therefore in a thankful and happy spirit our brother whom we bishops make a colleague in our order by laying hands upon him. Respect him as a minister of Christ and a steward entrusted with the mysteries of God. He has been assigned to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel, as well as to minister the Spirit and God's power to make men just.

'You, beloved brother, have been chosen by the Lord. Reflect on the fact that you have been taken from among men and appointed to act for men in their relations with God. The title of bishop derives not from his rank but from his duty, and it is the part of a bishop to serve rather than to rule . . .

Love with the charity of a father and a brother

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habits (no Admission Tickets required) may enter either by the Main Entrance or by side doors, and will be conducted to their places. Admission Tickets are essential if they come in civilian clothes.

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Father Anthony Tsang.

Readings of the Mass:

1st Reading —

Mr. Henry Au

2nd Reading —

Deacon Li Hou Wai

3rd Reading —

Deacon Cheung Kar Hing

Sermon: Father John O'Meara, S.J.

Offertory: The offering will be presented by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Peter Lei's relatives.

Since only a limited number of seats is available in the Cathedral and a large congregation is expected, some congestion is unavoidable. Please co-operate by following the directions of the members of the Reception Committee and the ushers.

We earnestly hope that all who are unable to attend the ceremony will join in praying for Rt. Rev. Mgr. Peter Lei for God's special blessing and thank God for the graces bestowed on our Diocese.

Preparatory Committee for the Consecration of Auxiliary Bishop Peter Lei

all those whom God places in your care, the priests, deacons who are partners with you in the ministry of Christ, the poor and the infirm as well, and also strangers and aliens. Encourage the faithful to work with you in your apostolic task and do not refuse to listen to them willingly.'

On and on the solemn words will go, stamping on mind and the heart of the new bishop a consciousness that he is being called to a life of service, demanding a constancy in patient goodness beyond the powers of man, and calling for a superabundance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

When the consecrating bishops have spoken together the sacramental words that constitute the priest a bishop, the chief consecrator will pray alone: 'Father, you know what is in every heart. Inspire the heart of your servant whom you have chosen to make a bishop. May he feed your holy flock and exercise the high priesthood without blame, ministering to you day and night . . . May his gentleness and single-mindedness of purpose stand before you as an offering . . .'

If there are any who think that burden of the episcopal office is merely a burden of hard work and high responsibility, these words from the liturgy of episcopal ordination should come as a revelation. Hard work and responsibility are common to a thousand posts. A bishop is dedicated by his ordination to holiness and leadership in holiness. We shall gather in the cathedral, not primarily to honour our new Auxiliary Bishop but to give him the support of our prayers, for there is laid upon him a burden that only the strength of the Holy Spirit can enable him to bear.

A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Even as I have loved you that you also love one another.