

Bishop Peter Lei

Episcopal Ordination

The following letter from Cardinal Villot, Secretary of State, has been received by Bishop Francis Hsu of Hong Kong.



SECRETARIAT OF STATE

No. 192.196

FROM THE VATICAN, 26 August, 1971

My Lord Bishop,

The Holy Father has received the letter which you wrote to him on 9 August and has asked me to reply in his name.

His Holiness appreciates your kind expression of gratitude for the appointment of Bishop Lei as your Auxiliary Bishop and values highly the renewed assurance of your loyalty. He wishes you both to know that he is close to you in the pastoral service that you are called upon to render to the beloved people of Hong Kong. His affection and his prayers accompany you as you meet together the many cares and challenges of the hour.

With this assurance the Holy Father most cordially imparts to you, to Bishop-elect Lei, to the priests, religious and laity of the Diocese his Apostolic Blessing.

Please accept the renewed expression of my cordial and fraternal good wishes.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

The Most Reverend Francis Hsu
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The Sunday Examiner joins with the whole Diocese of Hong Kong in the heartfelt prayerful good wishes being offered to Bishop Peter Lei, Auxiliary to Bishop Hsu of Hong Kong.

This issue is going to press before Bishop Lei's Episcopal Ordination — on September 8. Photographs and reports cannot be given until our next issue.

Meanwhile, we borrow the words of Cardinal Villot's letter to assure Bishop Hsu and Bishop Lei that our affection and prayers will accompany them as they meet together the many cares and challenges of the hour.