

Bishop Peter Lei Bishop of Hong Kong



It was announced on Friday, 21 December, that the Pope has nominated Bishop Peter Lei Wang-kee to the See of Hong Kong in succession to the late Bishop Francis Hsu Chen-ping.

BISHOP LEI

Born in Canton, 29 March, 1922.
Entered the Hong Kong Diocesan Seminary, 1939.
Higher studies in Regional Seminary for South China, Hong Kong, 1945 to 1952.
Ordained priest, 6 July, 1952.
Taught in Holy Spirit Minor Seminary, 1952 to 1955.
Assistant parish priest in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Wanchai, 1955 to 1957.
Parish Priest of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1957 to 1967, and 1969.

Parish Priest of St. Peter's, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, 1967 to 1969.
Vicar General 1969 to 1971.
Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary 1969 to 1973.
Nominated Auxiliary to Bishop Francis Hsu of Hong Kong, 3 July, 1971.
Ordained Bishop by Bishop Hsu, 8 September, 1971.
Elected Vicar Capitular, 23 May, 1973.
Nominated Bishop of Hong Kong, 21 December, 1973.

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LORD, You have put
Peter, your servant and
a successor to the apostles, at
the head of your flock that he
may lead it to pasture. Give
him, we pray, the spirit of
understanding and courage,
the spirit of wisdom and uni-
versal love, that his loyal
guidance of the people en-
trusted to him may build up
the Church as a sign to all
the world.

Bishop Peter Lei's Statement on his Appointment as Bishop of Hong Kong

M*Y first concern will be presenting the meaning of the Christian message to all people.*

We have schools, hospitals, clinics, social centres, to help our brothers, and we intend to develop and to perfect them so that they may become better instruments of our concern for and service to all the people of Hong Kong.

God in his providence has chosen me to serve the Church and to help all men in Hong Kong to come to the fulness of the knowledge and love of God. With God's help I propose to help our Church community to a deeper knowledge and appreciation of their faith so that they may show forth the full meaning of God's love for men through Christ.

The Church, however, understands that every Bishop must depend upon his clergy, religious and all the people of God of the Diocese to build the Kingdom of heaven in this world and I am determined to seek out the advice, help, and cooperation of all in Hong Kong so that together we may accomplish what God wills in this world for the good of mankind.

I extend my hand to all men of good will in Hong Kong so that we may work together to make Hong Kong a place where we, young and old, may work and live in harmony, peace and happiness, where the children may learn to strive that their ideals may be realized.

To the young people of Hong Kong, in school or work, I wish to assure you that I am always ready to welcome you, to listen to you and to help you in your ideals and aspirations.

My door is always open to all.

To the people of God of my Diocese I say, I am one of you, I grew up with you, I know you, I share your problems and aspirations, I am here to serve you as shepherd father and brother.