

The History of Evangelization in Hong Kong

The Forerunners of Our Missionary Journey



LEI, Wang-Kei Peter (李宏基, 1922-1974)

Born in Guangzhou (廣州) on 29th March, 1922. Entered Hong Kong Mission Seminary in 1939. Studied Philosophy and Theology at South China Regional Seminary in 1945.

Ordained priest on 6th July, 1952. Taught at Holy Spirit Seminary, Sai Kung (西貢), from 1952 to 1953. Vicar Cooperator of Holy Soul's Church, Wan Chai (灣仔), from 1954 to 1957. Vice Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, Aberdeen (香港仔), from 1958 to 1961. Parish Priest of the Cathedral, Caine Road (堅道), from 1962, 1967, and 1970 to 1971. Parish Priest of St. Peter's Church, Aberdeen, from 1968 to 1969. Appointed as Vicar General of the Hong Kong Diocese in 1970. Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, Aberdeen, July 1971. Auxiliary Bishop in 1972. Consecrated as the Bishop of Hong Kong Diocese in 1973. His fellow priests called him Uncle Kei (基叔).

He passed away on 23rd July, 1974 in Hong Kong.



VATH, Charles Herman (華德中, 1909-1974)

Born in Rhineland, Germany, on 12th October, 1909. Came to China in 1929 as a businessman to promote his business in Shanghai (上海), Guangzhou (廣州) and other places in China. In 1948, he resigned his business posts and entered the Pontifical Beda College in Rome, a seminary for late vocations. And incardinated to the Diocesan of Hong Kong.

Ordained priest on 8th March, 1952 in Rome.

Arrived Hong Kong in August, 1952. Served the Catholic Centre from 1952 to 1965. Editor of both the Kung Kao Po (公教報) and the Sunday Examiner from 1956 to 1965. Director of Catholic Truth Society from 1959 to 1961. Secretary General of Hong Kong Catholic Social Welfare Conference from 1960 to 1962. Appointed by the German Conference of Bishops as the Representative of "Misereor" Social Aid Fund - Far East Mission from 1961 to 1965. Director of Caritas - Hong Kong from 1962 to 1974.

He passed away on 18th August, 1974 in Germany.

