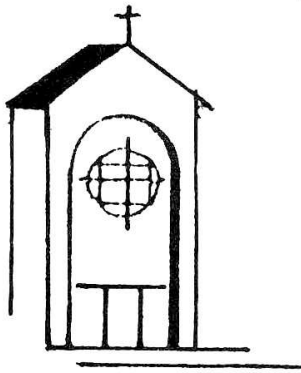


四川萬縣教區

新劃定管理廿一縣教務

Redistricting of

Wanxian Diocese in Sichuan



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四川萬縣教區按照當局行政區域重新劃定，管理廿一個縣市及萬縣與達縣兩個專區的教務，由一九八四年六月生效施行。在解放前萬縣教區管理十個縣的教務，計有萬縣、忠縣、豐都、石柱、墊江、開江、大竹、梁平、達縣及渠縣等十個縣市。

萬縣教區新教務區域為：萬縣專區的九縣一市，即萬縣市、萬縣、忠縣、梁平、開縣、云陽、奉節、巫山、巫溪、城口；達縣專區的十縣一市，即：達縣市、達縣、渠縣

Wanxian Diocese in Sichuan has been subjected to redistricting, making it conform to civil administrative boundaries. The new arrangement adds 11 towns to the two municipalities of Wanxian and Daxian, greatly expanding diocesan jurisdiction there. The move became effective in June 1984.

The newly-formed diocese will now serve Wanxian County, including

、大竹、領水、開江、平昌、通江、南江、巴中、萬源，兩區共二十一個縣市。

目前萬縣教區神父只有十位，其中年齡皆在六十歲至七十歲以上，其中一位八十歲。這些老神長們怎麼能照顧到這廣大地區的教友群眾？真是「莊稼多工人少」。萬縣教區只有一位修生，在成都的神哲學院攻讀神哲學，要六、七年後才能完成學業。

現年七十五歲的段蔭明主教，承擔了照顧萬縣教區的責任，現正忙於在各縣市辦理恢復教堂事宜。

萬縣專區轄下的縣市，準備恢復教堂的城市，計有巫山廟宇槽天主堂、奉節城、巫山城和雲陽城的教堂，正在籌備開放中。

達縣專區的十一個縣市，都在籌劃復堂工作。段主教派鄭中白神父設計修建梁平城內天主堂事宜，預計今年底建成，梁平縣的教友群眾熱烈贊助。



Wanxian, Zhongxian, Liangping, Kaixian, Yunyang, Fengjie, Wushan, Wuxi, and Chengkou; and Daxian, Quxian, Dazhu, Lingshui, Kaijiang, Pingchang, Tongjiang, Nanjiang, Bazhong and Wanyuan of Daxian County, a total of 21 Xian-towns.

At present there are only ten priests in the whole diocese. Their ages range from 60 to 80 and above. How these pastors will be able to serve such a vast area is a problem with no ready solution. It is a case of "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few." Further, Wanxian Diocese has only one candidate studying at the Sichuan Catholic Seminary, and he is six to seven years away from ordination.

Bishop Duan Yinming (段蔭明), who at 75 has pastoral responsibility for such large numbers of Christians, is now at work readying many churches for reopening.

The Miaoyucao Catholic Church (廟宇槽天主堂) in Wushan, along with churches in Fengjie, Wushan and Wanyuan are under repair, and renovation work is being carried out in eleven cities in Daxian.

Bishop Duan has also delegated Fr. Zheng Zhonghai (鄭中白) to design and construct a new church in Liangping. Local christians here are showing signs of new vitality, and are giving their full support to the project.



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