

New Priests for Sichuan and Chongqing

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From the end of 2003 and throughout 2004, the five dioceses of Sichuan Province (Chengdu, Leshan, Nanchong, Xichang, and Yibin) and the two dioceses in Chongqing Municipality (Chongqing and Wanxian) ordained new priests. Bishop Chen Shizhong of Yibin ordained four young priests for the Xichang Diocese in December 2003. Three priests for Chongqing and two for Yibin were ordained in early 2004. Bishop Xu Zhixuan of Wanxian ordained four new priests for his diocese on March 19, 2004. Bishop Chen Shizhong ordained five new priests for the Nanchong Diocese on May 14, 2004. Ordinations for the Chengdu and Leshan Dioceses will take place in the near future. All the new priests attended the Pixian Seminary (outside of Chengdu), and most graduated from there. The four new Wanxian priests, however, completed their studies at the Zhongnan Seminary in Wuchang. We offer our congratulations to the new priests and our prayers for God's blessing on their ministry.



At Wanxian, Deacon Jiang is about to be ordained a priest. With him are five newly ordained priests from the Chongqing and Yibin Dioceses who have come to attend the Wanxian ordination ceremony. (The 2nd and 4th from left are priests from Yibin, and the 1st, 2nd and 4th from right are from Chongqing.)



The four new priests of the Wanxian Diocese, ordained on March 19, 2004. From left to right: Fathers Peng Enbin, Jiang Weibao, Zhang Yonglin, and Huang Zhenan, with Bishop Xu Zhixuan in the middle.



Group photo: Bishop Xu with newly ordained priests, concelebrating priests, Sisters, and altar servers.