

to us that we might share together our suffering and joy.

I am no historian and I am no theologian. I have only shared with you some of my experiences. I thank you from my heart.



Bishops in China Elected and Consecrated Since 1981

At the 4th Conference of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association held in November in Beijing, Chairman Zong Huaide, Bishop of Jinan, reported that 22 Bishops have been independently elected and consecrated in China since 1981. They are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Diocese</u>	<u>Province</u>	<u>Date of Consecration</u>
Xu Zhenjiang *	Shenyang	Liaoning	July 24, 1981
Zhang Wenbing	Dali	Shaanxi	
Zhao Jingnong	Tianshui	Gansu	
Ma Longlin	Suzhou	Jiangsu	
Qian Huimin	Nanjing	Jiangsu	
Li Panshi	Jiangmen	Guangdong	September 27, 1981
Cai Tiyuan	Shantou	Guangdong	
Ji Huairang	Xian	Shaanxi	December 18, 1981
Zhang Xin	Taiyuan	Shanxi	
Fan Wenxing	Hengshui	Hebei	December 20, 1981
Liu Jinghe	Tangshan	Hebei	
Liu Zongyu *	Chongqing	Sichuan	December 21, 1981
Liu Dianchi	Jilin	Jilin	October 10, 1982
Liu Dinghan	Xianxian	Hebei	
Jin Luxian		-	January 27, 1985
Li Side	Shanghai	-	
Chen Shizhong	Yibin	Sichuan	June 14, 1985
Li Xuesong	Jilin	Jilin	September 22, 1985
Yu Runshen	Hanzhong	Shaanxi	November 30, 1986
Zhu Huayu	Bengbu	Anhui	
Huang Ziyu	Xiamen	Fujian	
Zhang Shizhi	Mindong	Fujian	

* Xu Zhenjiang died in 1984; Liu Dianchi died in 1985.

While pleased with our accomplishments of the past year, full credit must be given to the blessings of God, and also we wish to express our thanks to the generous support we have received from Hong Kong's diocesan authorities, and our many friends, asking for their continued guidance, support, and prayers.

by John Tong, Director
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Fourth Catholic Patriotic Association Conference Takes Place in Beijing

At the end of November Chinese news agencies reported that Catholic representatives from all over the country gathered in Beijing to convene the 4th conference of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association and the 2nd conference of the Chinese Catholic Church Administrative Commission.

During the sessions Bishops Zong Huaide and Zhang Jiashu were re-elected chairpersons of the Patriotic Association and the Administrative Commission respectively. Elected vice-chairpersons of the Patriotic Association were Bishops Dong Guangqing of Hankou and Cai Ti Yuan of Shantou. Elected vice-chairpersons of the Administrative Commission were Bishop Liu Jinghe of Tangshan, Bishop Yu Chengcai of Haimen and Mr. Liu Bainian, who serves concurrently as deputy secretary general of the Patriotic Association on the national level.

The delegates to the conferences passed a new constitution for the Patriotic Association, adding the words: "to support socialism" and "to make a contribution to the unification of the motherland."

Politburo member Xi Zhongxun attended the meetings and reiterated the previous stand of the government regarding the Chinese Catholic Church's relations with the Vatican. He said, "The Vatican must break diplomatic relations with Taiwan, recognize the PRC government as the only legitimate government of China, refrain from interfering in China's internal affairs and respect the Chinese Catholic church's policy of administering the church autonomously."