



DEATH OF BISHOP ZHAO YOUMIN

Bishop Zhao Youmin (79) of Fushun City, Liaoning Province, passed away in March. He had been elected as Bishop of Jinzhou by the Catholic Patriotic Association. In 1982, he became Rector and Spiritual Director of the newly opened Shenyang Seminary, and in 1984 succeeded the late Bishop Xu Zhenjiang as Chairman of the seminary's governing board. The Catholic Church in Liaoning Province in July of 1987 elected Fr. Zhang Hualiang (75) as the Bishop of Liaoning, and he now succeeds Bishop Zhao as chairman.

NEW BISHOPS CONSECRATED IN SHANDONG

Five new bishops were consecrated in Shandong Province on April 24. Bishop Zong Huaide, President of the National Catholic Patriotic Association, officiated at the ceremony which was held in Hongjialou Cathedral in Jinan City.

The five new bishops are:

Bishop Zhao Ziping, Auxiliary Bishop of Jinan Diocese.

Bishop Guo Chuanzhen, Auxiliary Bishop of Jinan Diocese.

Bishop Han Xirang of Qingdao Diocese.

Bishop Sun Zhibin of Yidu Diocese.

Bishop Ma Xuesheng, Auxiliary Bishop of Zhoucun Diocese.

BISHOP CHEN MUSHUN OF ZHAOTONG CONSECRATED

The only priest in the Zhaotong Diocese, Yunnan Province, Chen Mushun was consecrated Bishop on March 28, 1987 with Bishop Duan Yinming of Wanxian Diocese officiating. Bishop Chen is 85 years old, and was appointed administrator of Zhaotong in 1951.

HEBEI SEMINARY GRADUATES FIRST STUDENTS

30 seminarians from the first class of the Shijiazhuang Seminary of Hebei Province will be graduated this summer. Five of the seminarians, all from Xingtai Diocese, will be ordained soon.