

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## FIRST GRADUATES OF WUCHANG SEMINARY ORDAINED

On June 12, 1988 Bishop Dong Guangqing ordained six new priests in Hankou's Cathedral. All recent graduates of the South Central Regional Seminary in Wuchang, Hubei Province, the new priests range in age from 26 to 38. Two of the new priests were ordained for the Guangzhou diocese, two for the Nanning diocese and one each for the Shantou and Hankou dioceses. The new priests had studied five years, instead of the regular six years, in the seminary.

## DEATH OF FATHER ZHOU DAOMIN IN HUIZHOU, GUANGDONG PROVINCE

Father Zhou Daomin, 75, died in Huizhou City on June 23, 1988. Father Zhou entered the Hong Kong minor seminary in 1926, and was ordained in 1940. He was then working in the Huiyang and Haifeng.

## TWO PROTESTANT BISHOPS ORDAINED IN SHANGHAI

Pastors Sun Yanli, 74, and Shen Yifan, 60, were ordained bishops on June 26, 1988 at Shanghai's Moore Memorial Church. It was the first episcopal ordination in the Chinese Protestant Church in over 30 years. There were only six Protestant bishops in China. Four of these, Bishops Ding Guangxun, Wang Shenyun, Xue Pingxi and Mao Kezhong, participated in the ordination ceremony. Chinese Protestants sources say that Christian congregations in Fujian, Shandong, Zhejiang and Jiangxi are also deliberating the election of new bishops.

## TWO EAST CHINA PRIESTS SOON TO BE RELEASED FROM JAIL

Fr. Zhu Weifang of Zhejiang Province and Fr. Chen Tianxiang of Jiangxi Province are soon to be released, according to Bishop Aloysius Jin Luxian of Shanghai. Father Chen, a Jesuit, has been jailed twice. He is the last Jesuit of the Shanghai diocese still in jail.

## SHANGHAI RAB DELEGATION VISITS HONG KONG

Along with a Chinese Buddhist delegation, four officials of the Shanghai Religious Affairs Bureau, headed by the director Wang Hongkui, visited Hong Kong in July. Invited by the Buddhist Association of Hong Kong, the RAB officials visited Catholic and Protestant organizations in Hong Kong, in addition to those of their Buddhist hosts.

## DAOIST FORMATION CLASS OPENS IN BEIJING

A formation class for Daoist nuns opened in June in Beijing. Sixty young women will take part in the six month course.