



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### DEATH OF RETIRED BISHOP OF CHOWTSUN

Bishop Henry Ambrose Pinger, O.M.I., the retired bishop of Chowtsun (Zhoucun), Shantung Province, who was imprisoned for nine of the thirty years he served as a missionary in China, died on September 24 in Indianapolis at the age of 91.

Bishop Pinger returned to the United States in 1956 after being expelled from China. He had begun his missionary work in 1926, and in 1937 he was made Bishop of Chowtsun.

The Japanese held him under house arrest from 1942 to 1945 as an 'enemy alien' during World War II. The Chinese Communist government imprisoned him from 1951 to 1956 because of his support of the Legion of Mary.

### FOURTEEN SEMINARIANS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN SHAANXI PROVINCE

Fourteen seminarians in China's western provinces of Shaanxi and Gansu were recently ordained priests.

Four of the seminarians are from Xi'an Diocese and one from Yan'an Diocese. They were ordained by Bishop Anthony Li Du'an of Xi'an on July 10 and August 7 respectively.

On August 14, two other seminarians, who had completed studies in Xi'an Seminary, were also ordained priests by Bishop Ma Qi of Pingliang, Gansu. On September 18, Bishop Zhang Wenbin of Dali Diocese, Shaanxi, ordained seven more priests, who had completed four years of study at Dali Seminary.

## NEW BISHOPS IN CHINA

Father Wang Zhongyi was consecrated bishop of Guizhou in Beijing on December 4, 1988. Bishop Zong Huaide officiated at the ceremony. Bishop Duan Yinming and Dong Guangqing were co-consecrators. Bishop Wang, who is 80 years old, is Guizhou Province's first Chinese bishop.

On November 27, in Shanghai, Bishop Jin Luxian consecrated Zhu Fengqing as the Auxiliary Bishop of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, to succeed the 90-year old retired CPA Bishop Wu Guohuan.

## CPA BISHOP OPENLY DENOUNCED CPA

"Shantao Weekly", a Taiwan based Catholic periodical reported that on August 14, 1988, Bishop Philippe Ma Qi of Pingliang, Gansu Province, openly denounced the Patriotic Association and resigned from the offices he held in both the national and provincial CPA. Bishop Ma accused CPA leaders of creating a schism within the Church and encouraging priests and religious to renounce their vows of celibacy. He also accused CPA officials and staff members of corruption. An editor's note added that many CPA bishops had supported Bishop Ma's announcement.



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Bishop Ma Qi of Pingliang, Gansu.