

News in Brief

NEW BOOK ABOUT INDEPENDENT CHURCH PUBLISHED IN CHINA

"The Compilation of Documents on an Independent, Autonomous Church," was published in March 1990. This book, which is co-edited by the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association and the Chinese Catholic Church Administrative Committee, consists of fifteen articles previously published in the official magazine "Catholic Church in China" from 1980 to 1990. Three appendices concerning contemporary Chinese Church history are also included.

BISHOP WU GUOHUAN OF HANGZHOU PASSED AWAY EARLIER THIS YEAR

Bishop Matthias Wu Guohuan, 96, died on January 3, 1990 in Mapeng Village, Quxian County, Zhejiang Province. Bishop Wu had been consecrated in April 1960. In recent years, Hangzhou Diocese has been under the administration of Bishop Zhu Fengqing. Bishop Zhu, 68, was consecrated bishop in 1988.

TWO DEACONS FROM SHESHAN SEMINARY ORDAINED PRIESTS

Deacon Mark Shen Zongxi, 32, and Deacon Joseph Xing Wenzhi, 27, were ordained priests by Bishop Aloysius Jin Luxian at the Xujiahui Cathedral in Shanghai on June 2, 1990.

Shen belongs to the Shanghai Diocese while Xing comes from Zhoucun Diocese, Shandong Province. The two deacons had visited Australia earlier this year, to observe Catholic seminary and educational institutions there.

CONFERENCE ON CHINESE CHURCH HISTORY TO BE HELD IN LOUVAIN, BELGIUM

An International Conference on the History of the Catholic Church in China will be held from September 5 to 8 at Louvain University sponsored by the Ferdinand Verbiest Foundation. About eighty scholars from all over the world will attend the event. Those invited include Archbishop Stanislaus Lo-kuang from Taiwan, Bishop Aloysius Jin Luxian from Shanghai and other scholars from the mainland China and Taiwan.