

China Church Update

Several Bishops Elected in Shanxi Province

Father Zheng Shouduo, leader of the Jiangzhou Diocese in Shanxi Province, was consecrated bishop of Jiangzhou in early March of this year. At the end of February, Father Sun Yuanmo was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of the Hongdong Diocese. On March 1991, Father Huocheng was elected to become bishop of the Fenyang Diocese. At the end of last year, Father Wong Yutian was chosen to become bishop of the Yuci Diocese, however, the latter two priests have not yet been consecrated.

Numbers of Students at Chinese Seminaries Continue to Rise

At the beginning of 1991, students in Catholic seminaries in China, according to reliable sources, numbered nearly 800. There are 13 officially recognized seminaries and ten others which are also permitted to operate. The province with the greatest number of seminarians is Shaanxi, with nearly 160. Meanwhile, the authorities in Shanxi have still not yet given the seminary in Taiyuan City permission to accept a new class of students. With government permission the status of the minor seminary in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, has been raised to the level of a provincial seminary.

Taiwan's Penghu Apostolic Administration Joins Tainan Diocese

The Vatican has granted Msgr. Pai Cheng Lung's request to resign as administrator of the Penghu Apostolic Administration, a post he held for 15 years. Hereafter, the Penghu District will belong to the Tainan Diocese. Msgr. Pai will become director of the student chaplain's office at Fugen Catholic University in Taiwan.