

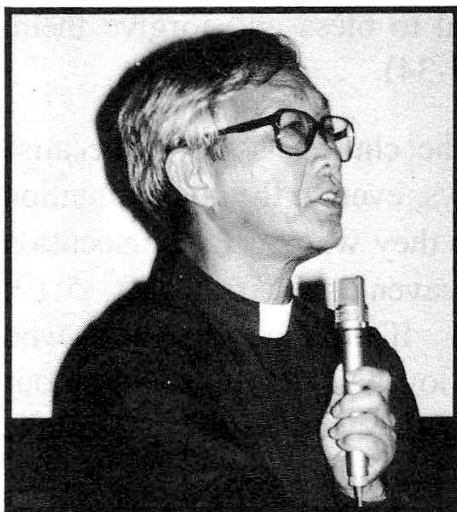
## *Pope John Paul II Appoints Two Bishops for Hong Kong*

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On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Hong Kong Diocese and the Mission Sunday celebration on October 20, 1996, Cardinal John Baptist Wu announced that Pope John Paul II had named Father Joseph Zen, of the Salesian Society, to be his coadjutor bishop and Father John Tong, a member of Hong Kong's diocesan clergy, to be his auxiliary.

The news that the Holy Father had appointed the two priests to assist Cardinal Wu and done so before the official return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty was welcome news to the entire Hong Kong Catholic community that had been anxiously awaiting the news for some time.

Bishop-elect Joseph Zen, SDB was born in Shanghai, January 13, 1932. In July 1948, Joseph Zen came to Hong Kong to join the Salesian community. He was professed as a member of the Salesians in August 1949.



*Bishop-elect Joseph Zen, S.D.B* a priest on February 11, 1961 in Turin, Italy.

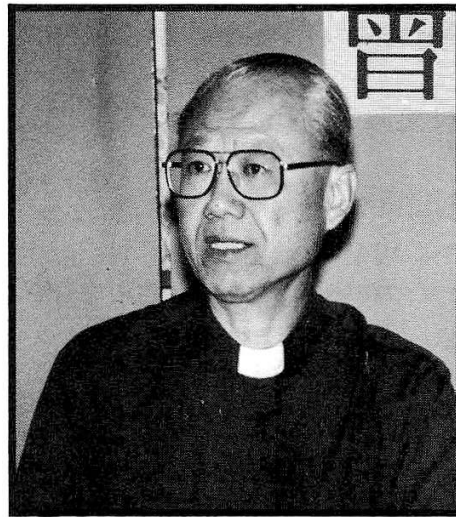
He returned to Hong Kong in 1964 where he was assigned to teach at the Salesian House of Studies until 1970. Fr. Zen then began teaching philosophy and theology at the Holy Spirit Seminary College, Aberdeen, Hong Kong.

From 1978 until 1984, Father Zen served as the provincial of the Salesian China Province. At the end of his term, in 1984 and until 1991, Father Zen became the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the

Holy Spirit Seminary College. He was also supervisor of the Aberdeen Technical School and responsible for the boarding students.

From 1989 until the present, Father Zen has spent six months of every year teaching in several seminaries in China. These include Shanghai, Wuhan, Xian, Shijiazhuang, Beijing, Shenyang.

Bishop-Elect John Tong well known in Hong Kong and among church personnel in China, was born in Hong Kong on July 31, 1939. With his parents he later moved to Guangzhou City and Hua County, Guangdong Province. He lived there during and following the Japanese invasion.



*Bishop-Elect John Tong*

Father Tong received his early formation for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Seminary, Macau and did his theological and philosophical studies at the South China Regional Seminary in Aberdeen, Hong Kong. He also studied at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome and was ordained a priest by Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, on January 5, 1966.

Father Tong remained in Rome for further studies. In 1969 he received a doctoral degree in sacred theology. After returning to Hong Kong Fr. Tong attended the Chinese University of Hong Kong where he received a master's degree in Chinese philosophy.

Since 1970 Father Tong has been teaching dogmatic theology and Chinese philosophy at the Holy Spirit Seminary College, Aberdeen, Hong Kong where he has also served as Dean of Theology and Director of the Extramural Studies Program. In 1980, Bishop-elect Tong became the director of the Holy Spirit Study Centre, a research centre set up by Cardinal Wu and the diocese of Hong Kong to act as a bridge between the local church, the universal church and the church in China.

The episcopal ordination will take place at the Cathedral in Hong Kong on December 9, 1996, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception (transferred to December 9 this year) the patronal feast of the Hong Kong diocese. Cardinal Wu will be the principal ordinand. □