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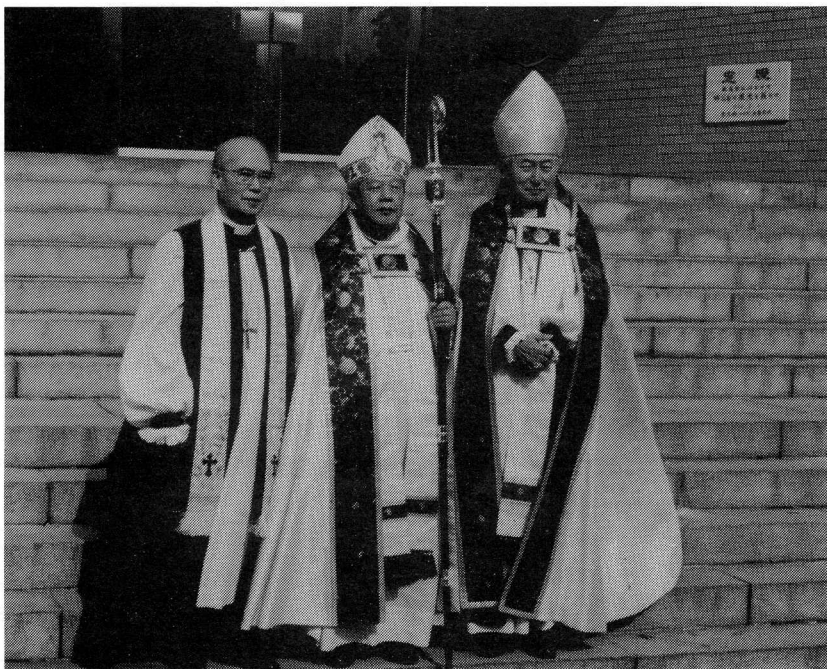
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CONSECRATION & ENTHRONEMENT OF THE 3rd BISHOP OF SEOUL IN SEOUL CATHEDRAL ON 1st NOVEMBER 1995

I had the honour and pleasure of representing K.M.P. at the Consecration and Enthronement of Matthew C. Chung as the 3rd Bishop of Seoul.

The celebrations started with a reception and dinner at Yonsei University on 31st October, which was attended by many guests, including leaders of other churches in Korea and numerous people from overseas. During the entertainment which followed, the wife of the Bishop-elect joined with other members of the Mothers' Union in some very beautiful singing.

On the morning of all Saints' Day we assembled in the Cathedral for the service of Consecration and Enthronement, which was Presided over by Bishop Paul Yoon, who took over as Primate between Bishop Simon Kim's retirement and the election of the new Primate at the National Synod on 15th November. The Cathedral is in the midst of major works which will complete the building to its original design. The effect will be to double the length of the nave and add the transepts. The work on the nave was finished and it was in



use, which allowed many more people to attend. Bishop Paul Lee and Bishop Simon Kim, the 1st and 2nd Bishops of Seoul, were present and together with bishops from Japan and the Philippines, they took part in the consecration of Bishop Matthew Chung, Bishop Simon Kim preached the sermon. It was so good to see the outgoing Bishop, unlike the tradition in England, playing a leading role in the installation of his successor. The service was a splendid occasion with some wonderful singing by the Cathedral Choir.

As a former parish priest, a Principal of St Michael's Seminary, a diocesan administrator and Dean of the Cathedral; the new Bishop brings a wide variety of skills and experience to his new job.

Centre: The Rt. Revd. Matthew C. Chung (Bishop of Seoul)
on left: Bishop Paul Lee; on right: Bishop Simon Kim.

EDWIN WARD

THE BENEDICTINE SISTERHOOD IN PUSAN

I visited England for experience of the Benedictine way of life and I would like to share with you my experience and ideas. I would also like to ask for your prayers and support for the Benedictine Sisterhood in Pusan.

Perhaps some of you already know that our Primate and Bishop of Pusan, the Most Reverend Bundo Kim, was a Benedictine monk for a time at Saint Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, Michigan. Two years ago when he invited me to Pusan diocese to begin a new religious community he was concerned as to what kind of religious life should be lived in this new venture: I suggested it would be good to adopt the Benedictine Rule as this rule of life can be adapted to any situation and time. From the outset it has not been easy, especially as we are dependant on diocesan support and almost two years of living alone made me weary in spirit. By that time I began to doubt whether it was God's will or not. However, God provided the opportunity to strengthen my spirit and courage to keep going in God's service: I was invited by the Community of the Holy Cross, Rempstone in England, to share their life. After three months living with the C.H.C. and visiting other communities as well, I have learned about the Benedictine ethos and have developed some thoughts as to how we can adjust to that rule

in the Pusan Sisterhood. The precepts of the Rule of Saint Benedict emphasize the monastic rather than the active apostolate but as the Sisters of Pusan need to be self-supporting we will have to find our work outside rather than inside the enclosure at present. It is our dream and vision in the future to provide facilities for guests and a retreat centre as well as the convent to serve the Lord Christ in the life of the gospel following the precepts of the Rule of Saint Benedict, especially as Saint Benedict emphasized STABILITY and HOSPITALITY in his Rule. Also as I see the parishes I feel Catholic Spirituality needs supplementing with an evangelical spirit. There should be a balance of both and the Sisters could be an embodiment of this in their life and work.

I would ask for your prayers and support that we might carry out God's will in our new Community. I give my heartfelt thanks to the Superior and Sisters of the Holy Cross who gave me such loving care in Christ, and thanks also to those other communities which I visited, for their warm hospitality. If there were no love in Christ from whence could I have found such warm hospitality.

Thanks be to God!

SISTER HANNAH

BISHOP RICHARD RUTT

It is fitting that, after Richard Rutt's 'change of allegiance' to the Roman Catholic Church, we should record in MORNING CALM some realisation of the great part he has played in the Anglican Church in Korea. My own friendship with him goes back to his arrival in Korea in, I think, 1954 to take over a small room close to the Cathedral and begin his language study at which he was so wonderfully adept. His modern language ability while at Cambridge had been noteworthy and he had been sent there to Pembroke College from Kelham. In Korea he was awarded an Honorary D.Litt. for his part in providing the local newspaper with a short discussion each morning on one of the ancient, brief verses known as 'seijo' which

expressed Confucian ideas. But, of course, his work there as a priest and later as a Bishop in Taejon formed the purpose of his life. He often came to visit me in Chung-ju and when he left for England on his first spell of leave, I suggested that he visit the Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius in London, and it was there that he met and from there later married Joan.

Richard left Korea in 1974 after twenty years service. After a short time in Truro he was appointed Bishop of Leicester in 1979, his final work before retirement. From 1981 I was near him in Rutland and occasionally conducted Confirmations for him. His priestly ministry is now in the Roman Catholic Church and there we wish him blessings and peace.

+ Paul Burrough

The National Synod of the Anglican Church of Korea met at Taejon on 15th November 1995.

On the joint nomination of the Bishop of Seoul and Taejon, the Synod unanimously elected the Bishop of Pusan, the Rt. Rev. Bundo Kim O.S.B., to be Primate for the ensuing two years.

Please pray for the Anglican Province of Korea and for its new Primate.



The Most Reverend Bundo C.H. Kim

A JUBILEE VISIT

Terry Brown of the Anglican Church of Canada visited Korea last August in connection with the 1995 Jubilee International Convention sponsored by the National Council of Churches in Korea, in support of the reunification of Korea and also to visit the Anglican Church in Korea.

While in Seoul he met with representatives of the Anglican Priests' Corps for the Realization of Justice; attended an all-day diocesan pre-Synod meeting which discussed the kind of person the diocese wanted for its new Bishop and met Brother Christopher, S.S.F. from New Zealand who is working with the three Korean aspirants near Incheon. In addition, he visited the Provincial and Seoul Diocesan offices, also Fr. Simon Pak who is now working in a parish, after returning from a period of study at Trinity College, Toronto.

In Taejon he spent most of his time with Bishop Paul who took him to visit Chinchon parish. Taejon suffers from declining numbers, due in part to the continual drift to the cities. The Diocese has an insecure financial foundation which precludes it from opening churches in new urban areas where they are most needed.

While in Pusan diocese he visited the new Mission Centre in Gumi (The Bishop John Daly

Centre) where Fr. Jonathan Kim is trying to minister to foreign workers through one of the local hospitals, and is also seeking inroads into a student ministry at the local university. He also visited Pansongdong House of Sharing and presided and preached at Saint Paul's, Saha.

Fr. Brown's final visit was to Kangnung prison to visit Angela Yun, serving a five year sentence for breach of the National Security Law but unfortunately the authorities refused permission for him to see her. Angela was expelled from University after her arrest for organising a student demonstration. She then worked in a Seoul textile factory where she began organising workers into an unauthorised Labour Union and was imprisoned because of this. Sadly, earlier last year she had serious health problems. Anyone wishing to send her letters of encouragement should address them to:

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ALAN MESSOM

SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CROSS, SEOUL



The Convent Garden

In her Christmas letter, Mother Catherine informed us that her officiate ended in December and she thanked everyone for their encouraging support in prayer and interest offered to the Community, also the Franciscan Brotherhood. Sr. Theresa and Sr. Grace made their Life Vows on December 21st.

Sister Edith was elected the new Mother of the Community on November 25th and she was installed during Mass on December 30th.

SEVENTEEN YEARS ON.....

I had my Sabbatical after Easter 1995 for three months. It was lovely to go back to St. Michael's Seminary where I worked for 7 years: the Seminary has now become the Sung Gong Hoi University. Sung Gong Hoi actually means Holy Catholic Church. When I was there about 17 years ago, we had a handful of students being trained for the sacred Ministry. Now I saw hundreds of students studying many different subjects for their degrees. It seemed a miracle had happened, and buildings were transformed and the teaching staff were trained all over the world. The place is filled with youngsters who have dreams for the future.

The University was full of life; it has become an exciting place. I was invited to give lectures to the ordinands. There were 19 in all who had first degrees at the Sung Gong Hoi university or other universities in the country. I was most impressed with their enthusiasm and their concern in the future of the Anglican Church in Korea.

The Anglican Church in Korea is not that big: a very small denomination which has only three dioceses and a number of congregations, perhaps about 50,000. The parishes all have their own priests, so these 19 candidates were looking for a new vision as they do not have a place to go to. It seems that they have to plant a new church in a new residential area in an industrial area.

There are wonderful opportunities as the country grows rapidly and expands with great speed - a new style of mission and church planting is needed for the new generation. I do hope the Lord will bless these youngsters and the Anglican Church in Korea, so they can play a vital role in the coming new millenium.

Even though the university has grown rapidly, they do not have well trained catholic priests of the anglican tradition who can help these youngsters offering themselves for the sacred ministry. It is nice to see that Fr. Jeremiah and Fr. Moses are trained at Birmingham University under the auspices of the U.S.P.G. and C.M.S. They need more trained people to train.

The demand for the expansion of the building becomes a very acute problem as the number of students grows. They are hoping to have 2,000 students at the beginning of the 21st century. Sung Gong Hoi University is now offering a leadership training in many areas of academic discipline. I do hope all those who are trained there will take an important part in many different areas of life in a country where things change so rapidly and offers many opportunities and problems.

It was good to hear at the Korean Mission Partnership Committee meeting held in London last October that nearly £20,000 had been raised for the Sung Gong Hoi University Appeal in memory of Bishop John Daly.

I was very pleased I spent my sabbatical at the University with the youngsters who will be the future leaders of the Korean Church.

LUKE LEE
