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THE MOST REVEREND MATTHEW CHUNG PRIMATE OF KOREA & BISHOP OF SEOUL



At the Provincial Synod held on 28th October 1997, the Right Reverend Matthew Chung, Bishop of Seoul, was elected Primate to succeed Bishop Bundo Kim who has retired from this office.

UNICEF UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The emergency in North Korea remains acute. The World Food Programme expects the amount of food aid required will increase over the next 12 months. The 1998 crop is not expected to be sufficient as soils are in poor condition following successive drought and flooding. Since May 1997, UNICEF has supplied more than 110 tons of high energy milk for severely malnourished children, trained more than 400 medical and other staff in 107 institutions and provided basic equipment, drugs, medical kits and vitamin supplements to hospitals countrywide. Anyone wishing to support this vital work in North Korea should send their donation to UNICEF, 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3NB (marked with the Appeal Code: 97810401X).

THE ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT, DIOCESE OF PUSAN

APPEAL FOR NEW CONVENT



Sister Hannah, O.S.B. writes:-

Some of you will remember that since 1993 we have asked for your prayers that a proper place might be found for a new Convent, with room for Retreat accommodation. We now have been offered a very good modern farmhouse with good outbuildings which have been converted into living accommodation. There are ten rooms ready for occupation and plenty of good flat land upon which additional buildings can be erected. The house is in a beautiful setting not very far away from Pusan city and is ideal for a Convent. The cost of purchase and necessary alterations is almost the same as the original project for a convent in Sangju city. Our original plans had to be changed because it was going to be much more expensive than the initial estimate and too far away from Pusan.

So now we have been helped with 75% payment of it by the Bishop of Pusan and friends of Koreans: the rest has been borrowed until we are able to raise the full sum required - \$500,000 or £345,000. We ask for your continued prayers and support for the 25% shortfall.

Three of us have now moved to the new place and we are preparing and renovating for retreat accommodation.

We keep you all in our prayers with thanksgiving. God bless you and your life through the coming year.



CHARLES GOODWIN, PRIEST

May 5, 1913 to June 28, 1997

The Reverend Charles Goodwin was ordained deacon in 1939 and priest the next year. Save for three years as an instructor at Berkeley Divinity School, he served in the parochial ministry in Connecticut for 20 years. With his arrival in Korea in 1960 to serve on the faculty of St Michael's Seminary, the Anglican Church of Korea had for the first time in its history a scholar whose academic credentials - Yale PhD - enabled him to be shared with Yonsei, Korea's first Christian and modern university. From 1961 he was a professor in its Theological School and a member of the faculty of St Michael's Seminary until the end of the academic year 1977/8, when he reached the age of mandatory retirement. He then moved to Pusan where he spent more than ten years before he returned to the Songkonghoe University, into which St Michael's had evolved, as "Scholar in Residence" until his death on June 28, 1997.

Charles was always prepared to spend an almost infinite amount of time on his students. One of his tasks at Yonsei was to teach Latin to pre-med students and although he had well over one hundred of them, he refused to ask his assistants' help with grading test and exam papers on the grounds that he learned from the mistakes his students made what areas of the subject needed more attention in subsequent classes.

He was truly a renaissance man, exceptionally learned in all of his main subjects. There seemed to be no subject about which he knew nothing. As one priest recalls, 'I do remember how he once sang an after-dinner song at the request of a student party. It sounded weird. When asked what it was, he replied, "Oh, it's Greek ... 2nd century BC ... it's carved on a tomb" (It is known to musicologists as the Epitaph of Seikilos - but trust Charles to memorize the melody.)'

Another priest summed up his recollections of him by writing, "He seemed to be a gentleman of some substance, materially, intellectually, and spiritually. He never thrust himself at you: Never any attempt to advertise himself or his doings but content to remain in the background and exert his gentle, patient and unfailing influence for good." There are many who are now adults in Korea who can testify to his concern and generosity for disabled children. Other evidence of his generosity was his donating to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church, U.S.A. his missionary's salary and, after

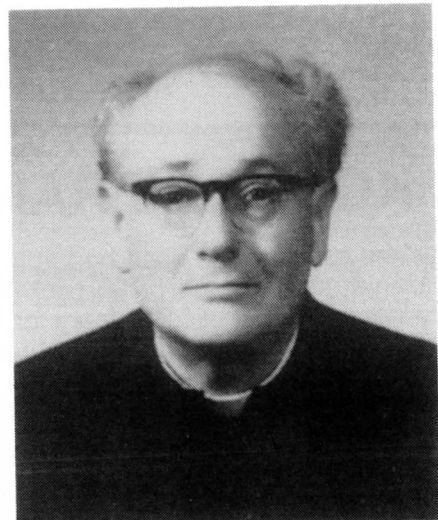
retirement, his pension.

Although born in Hartford, Connecticut, into one of the oldest families in America, some were puzzled as to his country of origin. From 1964 until his retirement, he ministered to the expatriate congregation at the Cathedral in Seoul and one American family that were members for some of that time swore he was from England. This must have been due to his New England accent for nothing he had gained during the year spent at Oxford prior to his ordination had effected his speech. At that time, neither the Cathedral nor any other church was very well heated and he is remembered as wearing gloves in winter up to the time of the offertory. His sermons, which were well and thoughtfully prepared, were written out in full in elegant calligraphy. It was not that he did not have or could not use a typewriter, he had three, one for English, one for Greek and one for Korean script.

He died in Severance Hospital - the hospital of Yonsei University's Medical School - of "old age": seven weeks after celebrating his 84th birthday. His funeral in the Cathedral of Our Lady and St Nicholas, Seoul was attended by all three bishops, many clergy and laity and was followed by interment at the Yanghwajin Foreigners' Cemetery in Seoul.

Judith and I will always be grateful to him for having presided at and blessed our marriage in St Michael's Seminary chapel. Echoing Hamlet's words I say, "We shall not look upon his like again." May he rest in peace.

Clifford Smart, Priest. Korea 1956 - 1994.



JAMES RUTHERFORD McGOWAN, priest

On Friday August 1st Fr. Jim McGowan was buried in the churchyard of the last parish he served, Warbleton - not far from Rudyard Kipling's house at Burwash and in Sussex countryside at its most attractive. The church was quite full for the funeral service, conducted by his successor. It was noticeably not just the elderly present, but a sprinkling of younger people including teenagers. Two of Jim's contemporaries spoke of him as friends of long standing; one who was with him at Tonbridge School, the other with him at Ely Theological College and then both went to neighbouring parishes in Portsmouth where they were able to enjoy their leisure together in walking and talking.

Tonbridge has a particularly fine chapel and with the chaplain's catholic convictions centred round the daily Eucharist his influence led the boy Jim to serve and undoubtedly began to foster a vocation. In fact he was one of at least three who were drawn to the priesthood at the time. Later, at Trinity Hall Cambridge he was fortunate to have the encouragement of another chaplain who had the gift of supporting and encouraging the faith of those under his care.

During his curacy at St Alban's, Copnor, Jim would have come across the Sisters of the Community of St Peter and through them introduced to the work of the Church in Korea which eventually led to many years service on the Korean Mission Committee and also as Honorary Treasurer (mathematics being his forte). Jim felt drawn to the world of a school chaplain which led to several years at St Edward's Oxford, Westminster School and King's School Ely, not as some imagine - an easy number compared with parish life. A good mixer, he enjoyed company, loved parties and was adept at punning as well as producing an adaption to a line of Charles Wesley's hymn "dark and dreary is the morn unaccompanied by TEA!" He also had a great love for his mother and as a gentle man in both meanings of the phrase he was successful as a caring person and pastor.

Sadly he became a victim to Alzheimer's disease, but even with that disability he maintained much of his old self and friends and family found the former spark still there.

A faithful priest who loved his ministry to others, content to be as one who served, with no other ambition except to do just that and to do it well.

ROGER DAVISON

BISHOP JOHN KUDO YOSHIO

Our readers may wish to pray for the soul of Bishop John Kudo Yoshio who died on Christmas Day 1996 aged 96. He was born in 1901. Bishop Trollope sent him to St Stephen's House for study and ordained him deacon at Holy Redeemer, Clerkenwell, in 1930. The Bishop then travelled with him and Paul Kim (deaconed at the same service) back to East Asia. Bishop Trollope died in Kobe harbour on 6 November and the two new deacons brought his body back to Seoul. They were ordained priests by Bishop Cooper in 1932.

When Bishop Cooper had to leave Korea in World War II, John Kudo was left as Vicar-General of the diocese in 1941. Bishop Yashiro of Kobe visited Korea for the Japanese Church but in connection with the Japanese Army. Seeing the situation he reported to the Japanese bishops and they raised John Kudo - to bishop's orders on 1 March 1942. The matter was uncanonical and John was never legally appointed as a bishop of the Korean Church, but he held it together and protected it for the next three-and-a-half years. Unlike Anglicans in Japan, Korean Anglicans were not forced by the government into union with other non-RC, non-Eastern-Orthodox Christians.

In 1945 John returned to Japan with all other Japanese civilians - symbols of shameful defeat to their countrymen and stripped of all their earthly goods. With his perfect Oxford English, John got a job translating for the International Labour Organisation. He worked as an unpaid missionary and pastor among tuberculosis patients, eventually building them a charming little church that looked inside like a piece of Nashdom Abbey. Eventually he retired, though he paid many visits to Nashdom of which he was an oblate.

His charm and devotion to Christ were extraordinary but his life and ministry were a tale of discouragement and rejection by his Church (because of his Catholic Faith). Friends of Korea should pray for him with gratitude and love.

RICHARD RUTT

KOREAN FRANCISCAN BROTHERHOOD

These days the brothers are absorbed in a variety of studies. Brother Christopher has been studying Korean at Sonyang University and the other brothers have been attending courses in subjects useful for religious community life at the Catholic Seminary for Religious and the Anglican University Theology Graduate School. We have used a variety of other outside programmes; while at our friary our study topics have been liturgy and the life of Francis.

For their training the brothers have been helping in different ways at both the Sunnim Dong Sharing House and the St. Michael Social Welfare Centre. Brother Christopher has been meeting once a week with those interested in English Bible study at the Cathedral and at the Anglican University. Despite these many activities we have maintained without fail the daily prayer which we consider the foundation of our life.

After a year and a half in Australia experiencing community life with S.S.F. our one novice, Brother Paul, has returned to Korea. At present we also have one postulant, one aspirant and some five enquirers.
