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Revised System Adopting-a-Nun in China

Since July 2005, a benefactor of the Cardinal Kung Foundation may financially sponsor an underground novice nun in China who would then pray daily for her sponsor's intentions for a specified period. The novice's name is matched with and is given to her sponsor. The donation and the prayer intentions are sent to the novice's superior.

As I have explained in our 2010 Christmas newsletter, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain timely communication with the underground convents and thus keep up to date regarding the changes of the status of novice nuns. Current information is important for this program in keeping the nuns and their sponsors in complementary relation. It has also become increasingly risky for the underground convents to communicate with the United States so often. Because of this difficulty and risk in communicating with the underground convents, it is no longer administratively practical and secure to continue matching the sponsors with the novice's names. Instead of each individual novice nun praying for your intentions, all nuns of that convent will now pray together for your intentions.

Therefore, effective immediately, we will make the following changes regarding this Nun program:

- 1) **Coverage:** This program is no longer covers only novice nun. It now covers all nuns.
- 2) **Nun's name:** Due to abovementioned reasons, we will no longer supply the name of an individual nun for your sponsorship. Instead, we will have to transfer your sponsorship to the whole nun class in her convent.
- 3) **Your prayer intentions:** Before now, we translated all your intentions into Chinese and sent them individually to the nun through her convent. We can no longer to do this in order to further reduce the risk of corresponding with the underground convents. Rather, the nuns will pray together for "donors intentions" as generally acceptable for Mass stipends. You may, however, send us your intentions in writing. The intentions will remain unchanged from previous period unless you notify us otherwise. We will file them accordingly. We will send your contributions to the convents, but only twice a year as we describe in item 6 below.
- 4) **Beneficiary of your prayer intentions:** Before, each sponsor could list as many persons as he or she wanted as the beneficiaries of the prayers. Each sponsor was also able to sponsor more than one nun. This will not change.
- 5) **Cost of the sponsorship:** There is no change. It is still US\$100 for sponsoring one nun for 6 months, or US\$200 for sponsoring one nun for 12 months. Both sponsorships are renewable at the end of the period.
- 6) **Sponsorship cycle:** Currently, we have either 6-month or 12-month sponsorships. All sponsors have their own unique or floating expiration dates, expiring at various dates throughout the years. We, therefore, have to send you reminders every month for various dates of expiration, and, in turn, notify the convents accordingly. This is administratively time consuming and it is also risky to the underground convents.

Effectively immediately, all sponsorships are to be uniformly expired twice a year on either the last day of June or last day of December.

For the new sponsorships, their first expiration dates may be up to three months short or longer than the cycle. For instance, for those sponsors starting on January 25 for 6 months, their expiration dates will be on June 30, which is 25 days short of the 6-month period. For those starting on April 25 for 6 months, their expiration dates will be on December 31, which is two months and 5 days longer than the 6-month period.

For the expiration dates from various starting dates, please refer to the table on the end of this letter.

With these new uniform expiration dates, the Foundation will send you a reminder no later than June 1 or December 1 for renewal of your sponsorship expiring on June 30 or December 31.

I hope that the above revised procedures are not too complicated. If you have any question, please contact me.

This letter supersedes all other letters regarding the Nun program that I may have sent out before.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Joseph Kung
President, Cardinal Kung Foundation

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**Adopting-A-Nun Program
Expiration Dates for Various Starting Dates
For the First Year Only**

<u>For Those Starting</u>		<u>Will Be Expired on</u>	
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>For 6 months</u>	<u>For 12 Months</u>
Jan 1	March 31	June 30 Same Year	Dec 31 Same Year
April 1	June 30	Dec 31 Same Year	June 30 Next Year
July 1	Sept 30	Dec 31 Same Year	June 30 Next Year
Oct 1	Dec 31	June 30 Next Year	Dec 31 Next Year