

Dear Friends of the RC Church in China,

You may have already heard. **Cardinal Zen, and two other prominent Catholics in Hong Kong** were arrested today, Hong Kong time.

**We urgently ask for your prayers for Cardinal Zen, for Catholics in Hong Kong & China and also for prayers for our Church.**

Please follow the news on **SCMP** (South China Morning Post, the leading Hong Kong newspaper partly own by China) , **Ta Kung Pao** (a hong kong newspaper that is the unofficial newspaper of the Chinese government), EWTN and other major news agency for further development.

[https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251204/vatican-following-news-of-cardinal-zen-s-arrest-with-Vatican-City, May 11, 2022 / 09:11 am](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/251204/vatican-following-news-of-cardinal-zen-s-arrest-with-Vatican-City,May-11,2022/09:11am)

**This morning, Catholic News Agency Reported the Following:** "The Vatican said on Wednesday that it was concerned to hear of reports of the **arrest of Cardinal Joseph Zen** by authorities in Hong Kong.

"The Holy See has learned with concern the news of the arrest of Cardinal Zen and is following the development of the situation with extreme attention," said a May 11 statement from the Holy See press office.

The 90-year-old former Catholic bishop of Hong Kong was reportedly detained on May 11 in his role as a trustee of the [612 Humanitarian Relief Fund](#), which helped pro-democracy protesters to pay their legal fees.

The Standard newspaper [reported](#) that the trustees were arrested on Wednesday evening local time, according to sources."

Cardinal Zen is 90 years old and has not been in the best of health. He is the retired Bishop of Hong Kong and an outspoken friend of the underground church. At Cardinal Kung's funeral Mass in St. John Church, Stamford, he proudly introduced himself at the podium that he was a student of Cardinal Kung when he was in high school in Shanghai, China before he joined the seminary in Hong Kong.

Please read his books which is available in [Amazon.com](#).

[For Love of My People I Will Not Remain Silent: On the Situation of the Church in China](#). (On the Vatican-China Agreement published in 2019)

[God Has Never Abandoned Me: My Life in the Chinese Catholic Church](#). (New book will be released in September 2022)

### **World Day of Prayer for China**

As a reminder, the **Feast of Our Lady of She Shan** is coming, Tuesday, May 24, 2022. In 2007, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI established that feast day as the **World Day of Prayers for China (and Hong Kong)**. I added Hong Kong as Hong Kong can no longer be regarded as "one country two systems".

Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist Stamford CT will offer a Latin High Mass on May 24 at 7:30PM. This Mass will be livestream.

<https://stjohnbasilica.org/livestream>.

### **10/22 Prayer Campaign for China**

**Arrests has been intensified in China also.** About 10 days ago, 12 clergy has been arrested in Baoding, Hubei China, one of the major diocese in China located about 100 miles from Beijing. It has a history of heroic faith. 40 of the 120 martyr-saints in China canonized in 2000 were from this diocese. many other diocese also has arrests during recent months.

**Beijing wishes to ‘voluntary transfer (sign up)’ by October 2022, the expiration of the Vatican-China Agreement, most** underground bishops and clergy to join the independent Patriotic Association.

This Patriotic “church” continues to publicly promote and pledge its Independence from all foreign influence and use religion to promote the communist party and goals of President Xi.

**All Patriotic bishops have been recognized by Pope Francis.** These bishops continue to belong and pledge their loyalty to the Patriotic Association which is not recognized by Vatican. Vatican may only consider candidates for bishop appointments from the approved, vetted clergy submitted by the government and The Patriotic association.

All these arrests in China and in Hong Kong are taking place in the midst of the current vigorous negotiation between Vatican-China. To save the 5 millions R. C. Church in China, please join our **10/22 (Oct 2022) Prayer Campaign for China.** *10/22 may seal the fate of the RC Church in China.*