



VATICAN - Pope and the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples condole death of Cardinal Shan

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) - The Holy Father Benedict XVI sent a telegram of condolences to the Bishop of Kaohsiung, His Exc. Mgr. Peter Liu Cheng-Chung, for the death of Cardinal Paul Shan Kuo-hsi, SJ, Bishop emeritus of Kaohsiung (see Fides 23/08/2012). The Pope, said he was "deeply saddened" to learn of the death of the Cardinal, recalling with gratitude to God, "his years of dedicated service" in Kaohsiung, "his ministry as Bishop of Hwalien and as President of the Chinese Regional Bishops' Conference ". Benedict XVI offers his condolences to the entire Church in Taiwan, the assurance of his prayers and joins those who are affected by his departure, including his Jesuit confreres. Finally, commending his priestly soul to the infinite mercy of God the Father, he cordially imparts the Apostolic Blessing to all assembled for the solemn funeral Mass.

The CEP sent a telegram to the Bishop of Kaohsiung, His Exc. Mgr. Peter Liu Cheng-Chung, signed by Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and Archbishop Savio Hon Tai Fai, Secretary, in which they express their heartfelt condolences "to the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese," for the death of Cardinal Shan, "recalling with gratitude his generous and committed pastoral ministry and his inspiring witness as religious, priest, bishop and cardinal." The telegram ends assuring the participation in prayer to the pain of the Church of Taiwan and to all those affected by this loss. (SL) (Agenzia Fides 24/08/2012)