



ASIA/HONG KONG - Diocese intensifies preparation for World Mission Sunday

Hong Kong (Agenzia Fides) - The Catholic diocese of Hong Kong is involved in intense preparation for World Mission Sunday 22 October with the theme "Charity Soul of Mission" the title of the Pope's message for this annual missionary event. Hong Kong bulletin Kong Ko Bao reports that celebrations for Mission Sunday will start in Hong Kong on 15 October at HongKan sports stadium. The programme, on the theme of the universal nature of mission, was illustrated by diocesan vicar Mgr. Domenico Chan: "We will show three videos, starting with a video on the Consistory in Rome last March in which our Bishop of Hong Kong, was created a Cardinal Joseph Zen; to follow there will be a video on the missionary work in Africa of one of our diocesan missionaries Fr Paul Kam Po Wai, who will share his experience; a third video will focus on Asian Youth Day celebrated recently in Hong Kong. We hope all the faithful, catechumens will come and non Catholics are very welcome."

On World Mission Sunday special masses are held in every parish. In preparation for the event the diocese has diffused the Pope's message for the Day urging individuals and communities to read it carefully and put it into practice: "God's love for every human person is the heart of the experience and the proclamation of the Gospel and those who accept it become in turn witnesses". The dioceses encourages the people of God "to welcome the Gospel, start a new life, share the Gospel with family and neighbours and then further afield to everyone they encounter". (Agenzia Fides 06/09/2006 Righe: 34 Parole: 390)