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RESPONSE

- 1. Please advise if there a Catholic Church called the “Lulinhu Church” or the “Irish Church” in Pengchang Town, Xiantao City, Hubei province? If so, is it an officially recognised church?**

No information was found in the sources consulted on the “Lulinhu Church” or “Irish Church” in Pengchang, Xiantao City. Sources suggest that there is an underground Catholic church in the town of Lulinhu in the Xiantao area coming under Hanyang Diocese. The Hanyang Diocese in the past was run by the Irish Columban Missionaries and this may relate to the reference “Irish Church”.

Sources indicate that Boren Zhang was the Bishop of Hanyang Diocese until his death in October 2005 and served in the underground Catholic Church. His funeral service appears to have been held in Lulinhu. Boren Zhang was also known as Petrus Zhang Boren, Peter Zhang Bairen, Chang Bai Ren or Zhang Bairen.

The *Britannica Book of the Year, 2006* writes on Zhang Bairen as follows:

Chinese Roman Catholic cleric (b. Feb. 14, 1915, Zhangjiatai, Hubei province, China—d. Oct. 12, 2005, Beijing, China), was an influential leader of the Catholic community in China. Not formally recognized by Chinese authorities, he served as “**unofficial**” **bishop of Hanyang diocese** from 1986 until his death. Zhang was ordained in 1942. He refused to renounce his loyalty to the pope following the communist takeover of 1949 and eventually spent nearly a quarter of a century, from 1955 to 1979, in labour camps. In later years Zhang was credited with helping to improve relations between the government-controlled Catholic Patriotic Association (CPA) and the unofficial church. Both CPA and underground clergy members attended his funeral, which authorities permitted to be a public service (‘Zhang Bairen’ 2008, *Britannica Book of the Year, 2006*, Encyclopædia Britannica Online website <http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9432921/Zhang-Bairen#863171.hook> – Accessed 7 January 2008 – Attachment 1).

The Missions Etrangères de Paris¹ (Society of Foreign Missions of Paris – MEP) website has detailed information on Zhang Boren’s funeral in French (‘CHINE – Hubei: les obsèques de l’évêque “clandestin” du diocèse de Hanyang, décédé à l’âge de 91 ans, se sont déroulées en présence d’une foule importante de fidèles’ 2005, *Bulletin EDA No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm – Accessed 4 January 2008 – Attachment 2).

Attachment 2 has been unofficially translated via the online Google Translate at Attachment 4 (Unofficial Google Translation of ‘[CHINE – Hubei : les obsèques de l’évêque “clandestin” du diocèse de Hanyang, décédé à l’âge de 91 ans, se sont déroulées en présence d’une foule importante de fidèles](http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm)’ 2005, *Bulletin EDA No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm – Accessed 4 January 2008 translated to ‘CHINA – Hubei: the funeral of the bishop “clandestine” in the diocese of Hanyang, died at the age of 91, were held in the presence of a large crowd of worshippers’ 2005, *EDA Bulletin No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&u=http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm&sa=X&oi=translate&re – Accessed 4 January 2008 – Attachment 4).

The unofficial online translation refers to “an Irish missionary expelled by the communists” and Lulinhu town.

According to the unofficial translation Bishop Petrus Zhang Boren (Chang Bai Ren) died on 13 October 2005. He was a “clandestine” bishop in the diocese of Hanyang. The unofficial translation states that Zhang Boren succeeded “an Irish missionary expelled by the communists”. The unofficial translation states that Zhang Boren’s funeral was celebrated in

¹ The MEP is a Catholic missionary order established in 1658-63 and based in Paris (‘Society of Foreign Missions of Paris’ (undated), *Catholic Encyclopedia* http://www.catholic.org/printer_friendly.php?id=10915§ion=Encyclopedia – Accessed 7 January 2008 – Attachment 3).

his hometown of Zhangjiazhuang, near Xiantao city. However, the unofficial translation also cites an edition dated 23 October 2005 of the *Sunday Examiner*, an English-language weekly of Hong Kong Diocese, which stated that the funeral celebration “took place in Lulinhu, a small rural town”. The unofficial translation continued that the “remains of the Bishop deceased was transported to Xiantao to be incinerated...”(Unofficial Google Translation of ‘[CHINE – Hubei : les obsèques de l’évêque “clandestin” du diocèse de Hanyang, décédé à l’âge de 91 ans, se sont déroulées en présence d’une foule importante de fidèles](http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles)’ 2005, *Bulletin EDA No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm – Accessed 4 January 2008 translated to ‘CHINA – Hubei: the funeral of the bishop “clandestine” in the diocese of Hanyang, died at the age of 91, were held in the presence of a large crowd of worshippers’ 2005, *EDA Bulletin No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&u=http://eglasiemepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veveque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm&sa=X&oi=translate&re – Accessed 4 January 2008 – Attachment 4).

The *Sunday Examiner* edition dated 23 October 2005, mentioned above, was not found in the sources consulted. However, a comment posted on the Catholic World News website by its Deputy Editor-in-Chief states that:

There were no bishops either of the official or unofficial church at Bishop Zhang’s funeral. The principal celebrant at the mass was Father Valentius Chen De-huai, ordained by Bishop Zhang 12 years ago. **The mass Lulinhu** was concelebrated at 6.00am by 15 priests, only 4 from unofficial church. funeral service at 9.00am, no bishops present. His remains were buried at Zhangjitai (Mulroney, Jim (Deputy Editor-in-Chief, *Sunday Examiner*, Hong Kong) 2005, ‘Subscriber comments from Sound Off!’, Catholic World News website, 18 November <http://www.cwnews.com/news/viewstory.cfm?recnum=40823> – Accessed 7 January 2008 – Attachment 5).

In respect of the term “Irish Church” Charbonnier notes that in the earlier times Hanyang Diocese was “run by the Irish Columban Missionaries”. Information accessed on Columban Missionaries websites states that the group was first known as the Maynooth Mission to China and later as the Missionary Society of St. Columban. A Fr. Edward Galvin, a co-founder of the missionaries, became the Bishop of Hanyang in 1927. Galvin was expelled from China in 1952 (Charbonnier, Jean 2004, *Guide to the Catholic Church in China*, China Catholic Communications, Singapore, p.507 – Attachment 6; ‘Our History’ (undated), St Columbans Mission Society website <http://www.columban.org.au/about-us/our-history.html> – Accessed 10 January 2008 – Attachment 7; ‘Columban Mission in China’ (undated), Columban Missionaries website <http://www.columban.com/histchin.htm> – Accessed 9 January 2008 – Attachment 8).

Also attached is a map showing that Hanyang is some 60 kms to the east of Xiantao (‘Wuhan-Hanyang-Xiantao’ 2000, *Microsoft Encarta Interactive Atlas* – Attachment 9).

2. Please provide information regarding the situation of Roman Catholics in Xiantao and Hubei generally? Are they subject to persecution?

The following information concerning Catholics in Xiantao is from reports relating to the funeral of Zhang Boren in October 2005 (see question 1 above). There is little information in the sources consulted on the situation of Catholics in Hubei although some arrests of have been reported over the years.

Catholics in Xiantao

Sources reporting the death and funeral of Zhang Boren in October 2005 suggested that there may be variable supervision of underground Catholics by authorities in Xiantao. No reports of arrests of Catholics in Xiantao were found in the sources consulted. There were reports of a Protestant pastor being arrested in March 2006.

Bishop Zhang, who died in October 2005, served as an “unofficial” bishop of Hanyang diocese. Sources indicate that Xiantao is in Hanyang Diocese in Hubei province. He was credited with helping to improve relations between the unofficial Catholic church and the Chinese government’s Catholic Patriotic Association (CPA). Although the Hubei provincial government authorised a public funeral for Zhang it was noted that local authorities had tried to prevent worshippers from attending. However, the authorities realised they could not prevent the funeral and allowed worshippers to attend. Large crowds reportedly attended his funeral, one estimate placing attendance at some 7,000 people. Both underground clergy and CPA members attended his funeral. The Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the *Sunday Examiner* commented that the service was “was concelebrated at 6.00am by 15 priests, only 4 from unofficial church” (‘Zhang Bairen’ 2008, *Britannica Book of the Year, 2006*, Encyclopædia Britannica Online website <http://www.britannica.com/eb/article-9432921/Zhang-Bairen#863171.hook> – Accessed 7 January 2008 – Attachment 1; ‘Funeral authorized for Chinese underground bishop’ 2005, *Global Catholic News*, 14 October http://www.catholic.net/global_catholic_news/template_news.phtml?news_id=78295&channel_id=2 – Accessed 21 October 2005 – Attachment 10; ‘Hanyang: Government hinders funeral of underground bishop’ 2005, *AsiaNews* website, 15 October <http://www.asianews.it/index.php?l=en&art=4370&size=A> – Accessed 10 January 2008 – Attachment 11; Unofficial Google Translation of ‘CHINE – Hubei : les obsèques de l’évêque “clandestin” du diocèse de Hanyang, décédé à l’âge de 91 ans, se sont déroulées en présence d’une foule importante de fidèles’ 2005, *Bulletin EDA No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://eqlasie.mepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm – Accessed 4 January 2008 translated to ‘CHINA – Hubei: the funeral of the bishop “clandestine” in the diocese of Hanyang, died at the age of 91, were held in the presence of a large crowd of worshippers’ 2005, *EDA Bulletin No. 428*, 1 November, Missions Etrangères de Paris website http://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&sl=fr&u=http://eqlasie.mepasie.org/hubei-les-obseques-de-l-veque-clandestin-du-diocese-de-hanyang-decede-a-l-age-de-91-ans-se-sont-deroulees-en-presence-d-une-foule-importante-de-fideles.fr-fr.75.8283.eda_article.htm&sa=X&oi=translate&re – Accessed 4 January 2008 – Attachment 4; ‘China: Bishop Peter Zhang Bairen has died’ 2005, *Independent Catholic News* website, 20 October <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/zhangg.html> – Accessed 8 January 2008 – Attachment 12; ‘Underground Bishop Zhang, 90, dies in China’ 2005, *The Georgia Bulletin*, 18 October <http://www.georgiabulletin.org/world/2005/10/18/PEOPLE-3/> – Accessed 7

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The AsiaNews website, a Catholic news service based in Italy, reported on Zhang’s funeral as follows:

Local authorities had given permission for public funeral rites, but not before they had undertaken an intimidation campaign by phone across the province. Although the government banned the use of the title “bishop” at the ceremony, a banner posted in the church, in view of government representatives, read: “Mgr Peter Zhang Bairen, unofficial bishop of Hanyang Diocese”.

... *AsiaNews*’ sources said Hanyang believers feel “fooled” by the government, which orchestrated the whole affair “to save face” in international public opinion (‘Hanyang: Government hinders funeral of underground bishop’ 2005, AsiaNews website, 15 October <http://www.asianews.it/index.php?l=en&art=4370&size=A> – Accessed 10 January 2008 – Attachment 11).

One October 2005 news article reported that the Hanyang Diocese “has seven priests, four seminarians, six sisters and 20,000 faithful” (‘China: Bishop Peter Zhang Bairen has died’ 2005, Independent Catholic News website, 20 October <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/zhangg.html> – Accessed 8 January 2008 – Attachment 12).

Of interest is that the China Aid Association, a US-based Christian organisation monitoring religious freedom in China, reported the arrest of a Protestant house church pastor in Xiantao city in March 2006. The pastor was reportedly leading a bible study in a house church in front of around 100 worshippers (‘More violence against Protestant Christians’ 2006, Asia News, 24 March <http://www.asianews.it/view.php?l=en&art=5725> – Accessed 24 March 2006 – Attachment 14; ‘House Church Pastor Detained in Hubei for Religious Study; 15 House Church Leaders Still Detained After Brutal Police Raid in Henan; Prominent Rights Lawyers Intervene’ 2006, China Aid Association website, 21 March <http://chinaaid.org/2006/03/21/house-church-pastor-detained-in-hubei-for-religious-study-15-house-church-leaders-still-detained-after-brutal-police-raid-in-henan-prominent-rights-lawyers-intervene/> – Accessed 7 January 2008 – Attachment 15).

Catholics in Hubei

Little information was found in the sources on the situation of Catholics in Hubei province. However, some arrests have been reported.

A 2001 publication estimated that 0.3% of the population in Hubei province (60,653,000) are Catholic (i.e. about 182,000, including both registered and unregistered churches) (Johnstone, Patrick & Mandryk, Jason 2001, *Operation World: 21st Century Edition*, Paternoster Lifestyle, 6th ed, Cumbria, p.173 – Attachment 16).

There have been arrests of Catholics reported in Hubei: of Bishop Jia Zhiguo in Zhengding up to 2007; others in Baoding between 1996 and 2003.

In 2007 the US State Department reported the arrest of the Catholic Bishop Jia Zhiguo of Zhengding, Hubei, for the tenth time since 2004. He was released in June 2007 (US

Department of State 2007, 'Abuses of Religious Freedom' in *International Religious Freedom Report 2007 – China*, 14 September – Attachment 17; 'China' 2005, *Journal of Church and State*, Vol. 47, No. 2, Spring http://www3.baylor.edu/Church_State/journ2005Spring.htm – Accessed 21 October 2005 – Attachment 18).

On the arrests in Baoding, a 2003 article from the John Mark Ministries website states that:

CHINESE POLICE ARREST PRIEST FROM UNDERGROUND CATHOLIC CHURCH In a further sign of an apparent increased crackdown on dissidents and active Christians, China detained a Roman Catholic priest after holding a secret Christmas mass, reported the U.S.-based Cardinal Kung Foundation. Rev. Dong Yingmu, 37, was captured on his way to hold a Christmas mass, but his imprisonment only came to light recently. Foundation President Joseph Kung said **the priest was picked up in Baoding, a city in the central province of Hubei that has a large underground church.** "He had finished one secret mass and was on his way to conduct another when the police detained him," he said. China allows only state-monitored worship, and underground Catholics are frequently arrested and harassed. **Vatican officials say that more than 50 underground Chinese Catholic bishops or priests have been detained or live under house arrest or police surveillance in Baoding. Christian Solidarity Worldwide reported that two bishops and eight other priests belonging to the underground Catholic diocese of Baoding are being held in various prisons and labor camps.** News about Yingmu's detention came shortly after 55-year-old democracy activist Wang Bingzhang, a Chinese citizen with U.S. residency status, was sentenced Monday, Feb. 10, to life in prison on what his friends say are false charges of spying for Taiwan between 1982 and 1990 and setting up a terrorist network. The Chinese government denies that the sentence violates freedom of religion and expression of political opinions ('Chinese police arrest priest from underground Catholic church' 2003, John Mark Ministries website, 13 February <http://jmm.aaa.net.au/articles/10674.htm> – Accessed 21 October 2005 – Attachment 19).

On the attached 2003 *China Rights Forum* article the arrests of Catholics in Hubei between 1996-2003, all in Baoding, are highlighted ('In Custody: People imprisoned for Their Religious Beliefs' 2003, *China Rights Forum*, No. 4, pp.93-97,115-116 – Attachment 20).

Of interest is that the US State Department reported that in China the treatment of unregistered religious groups varied regionally. In some regions government supervision of religious activity was minimal and unregistered and registered churches openly co-existed. The police sometimes closed unregistered places of worship, including Catholic, with significant numbers of members, properties, financial resources and networks (US Department of State 2007, '[Introduction]' and 'Restrictions on Religious Freedoms' in *International Religious Freedom Report 2007 – China*, 14 September – Attachment 17).

Also attached are recent RRT Research Responses concerning Catholics in China:

- RRT Research & Information Services 2007, *Research Response CHN32603*, 3 December, quest. 2/pp.5-7 – Attachment 21.
- RRT Research & Information Services 2007, *Research Response CHN32301*, 19 September, quest.2/pp.4-9 – Attachment 22.

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4. How far is Qianjiang City from Xiantao city?

According to a China map published by Collins, Qianjiang city is some 50kms west of Xiantao city. There is a motorway linking the two cities ('China' 2005, Collins, London – Attachment 25).

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