

Theme Sharing

Discipleship

Today is the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The gospel speaks about discipleship: what it means to be a follower of Christ and what it demands of such a follower. The reading begins with Jesus setting for Jerusalem, fully aware of the danger that lies ahead. Jesus is determined to go to the Holy City because the time is near for him to suffer and die; and he is ready to face it. Likewise we are expected to make sacrifice, and endure trial and suffering for following Christ.

To follow Christ is to put our complete trust in him and not to worry about personal comfort or security for the future: *"The Son of Man has no place to rest his head!"*

To follow Christ is to put God and the proclamation of his Kingdom as our first priority: *"Let the dead bury the dead! Just go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."*

To follow Christ is to look forward. Now that we have decided to follow Christ, we must let go of our past and instead focus on our way ahead. Do not be nostalgic of things of the past and do not waver in our resolution: *"No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the Kingdom of God."*

To help us better understand the message in today's gospel, the first reading sets out the story of God's calling of Elisha to succeed the prophet Elijah. Elisha was then ploughing the field when Elijah approached him and broke the news to him. It is worth noting that Elisha received his calling while he was doing his daily chores, as was the case for so many others in the Old and the New Testaments. Moses, David and many others were called while they were tending the sheep. Simon and Andrew received their calling when they were catching fish; and Matthew was called when he was at the customs office. The first reading shows how Elisha got his calling and promptly left everything behind - his oxen, tools and entire possession as well as his parents - to follow Elijah. So when God asks us to follow him, he expects us to do so readily and unconditionally. The Church today is in need of vocation for priests and religious. The message in today's scripture readings undoubtedly goes beyond vocation for priesthood and other forms of religious life. It extends to every Christian. Each of us is called by God with a unique mission, and it

is up to us to respond to his calling accordingly. Unquestionably, we all have a responsibility toward our own parish. The question is how to strike a proper balance between the duty towards our parish and that towards our family. Needless to say, we must put God first and foremost; however, we should not neglect our basic duty to the family, since the family is the core of both the parish and the society. It is heartening to see so many Catholics willing to contribute generously their time and talent to their parish in the various ministries. There are also many others willing to forsake high-paying and rewarding jobs in the public or private sectors in order to work for the Church and to serve God better. That is why the Church reminds us today that holiness is not just the prerogative of the priests, nuns and religious. It should be a lifelong effort for every baptized Catholic to strive for holiness by following Christ faithfully and resolutely.

Monthly Prayers intention

July General and Missionary Intention

General: That World Youth Day in Brazil may encourage all young Christians to become disciples and missionaries of the Gospel.

Missionary: That throughout Asia doors may open to messengers of the Gospel.

Year of Faith

Oct 11, 2012

Nov 24, 2013

Open the Door of Faith

The Goal for Year of Faith in our parish:

Catechetical Studies Refresher;
Spend ten minutes a day to meditate on the Bible and to study the Catechism.
Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17

Year of Faith Passport by Centennial Committee

Have You Got your Passport? Pick up your Year of Faith Passport from your parish or the Catholic Pastoral Centre, and take time to visit any of the 7 churches, along with special events in the diocese. Have your passport stamped at any of these churches or events, and then follow the instructions on

the inside back cover of your passport. If you have questions please call the Pastoral Centre at 403-218-5500.

Parishioner can pick up the passport at Church entrances.

Calgary Diocese

A Day with the Psalms—*Workshop for Cantors.* The Diocese of Calgary presents an in depth workshop in which cantors will have an opportunity to deepen their understanding and skill in singing the psalms. Saturday, September 21, 2013 (9-3), St. Martha's Church, Lethbridge and Saturday, September 28, 2013 (9-3), St. Luke's Church, Calgary. For information and to register visit: <http://liturgy.calgarydiocese.ca>.

Parish Activities

Calgary Floods Appeal –

Flooding in Calgary - The Diocese is accepting financial donations for emergency relief efforts to assist victims affected by massive flooding in Calgary. All monies collected will be forwarded to the "Calgary Flood Relief fund" which is working with local organizations on site to bring aid to flood victims. Donations can be made as follows:
-Cheque: By sending a cheque payable to the "Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary", earmarked "Calgary Flood Relief fund" and sent to the Pastoral Centre (120 - 17th Ave SW, Calgary AB T2S 2T2).

-Online: By clicking the DONATE NOW button on our website (<http://www.calgarydiocese.ca>) and noting that you would like it to be directed to "Calgary Flood Relief fund"

- Parishioners can donate cash or make your cheque payable to OLPH, earmarked "Calgary Flood Relief Fund" put it in an envelope (with your Sunday collection envelope number OR name and address marked) and drop it into the Sunday Mass collection basket. The amount will be added to your year-end donation tax receipt issued by the parish.

Bishop Henry would like to thank people for their generosity and the incredible rescue efforts... and that anyone who is skeptical about the human condition, only has to open their eyes to see how amazing people are! May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and compassion!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on July 6

The July's Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on July 6 from 10am to 11am.

Fr. Nguyen will listen to Confession. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Former Archbishop of Taipei, Joseph Ti-Kang, will be visiting Calgary

Former Archbishop of Taipei, Joseph Ti-Kang, will be visiting Calgary from July 5 – 8. He would celebrate Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday July 6 and 11 a.m. on Sunday July 7.

Potluck dinner and sharing by Archbishop Ti-Kang on Saturday July 6 will follow immediately after Mass at the Upper Hall. Dinner Celebration for his 60th Anniversary of priesthood would be at the Central Grand Restaurant on Sunday July 7 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please contact Parish Groups coordinators or Elaine Wong for tickets. All parishioners are cordially invited to join the Mass and dinner with Archbishop Ti-Kang.

OLPH Summer Mass schedule

Mass schedule in July and August will be revised as follows:

Saturday : 5:00pm (in Mandarin)

Sunday: 9:30 am (in English)
11:00 am (in Cantonese)

Tuesday (7:00 pm) English Mass will be suspended

Normal Mass schedule will be resumed from September 1.

Together in Action 2013

Theme: "You will be my witnesses"

Our parish's final target is \$50,000. As of May 7, our campaign has received a total of \$12,335. We plead for your ongoing support. Donation envelopes can be picked up from both the front and the side entrances. Let's take action now!

Weekly Activities

Wed, Fri July 3, 5

OLPH Senior Centre

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon

Place: OLPH Church, Upper Hall

Saturday July 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Time: 10:00a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Place: OLPH Church

Legion of Mary (meeting)

(Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium)

Time: 11:a.m.

Place: K of C Room

Former Archbishop of Taipei, Joseph

Ti-Kang Thanksgiving Mass & Potluck

Time: 5:p.m.Mass, after Mass Potluck

Place: Church & Upper Hall.

Saturday July 7

Former Archbishop of Taipei, Joseph

Ti-Kang Thanksgiving Celebrate Dinner

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Central Grand Restaurant

Imitating Christ

Chapter 25 :

Zeal In Amending Our Lives

Labor a little now, and soon you shall find great rest, in truth, eternal joy; for if you continue faithful and diligent in doing, God will undoubtedly be faithful and generous in rewarding. Continue to have reasonable hope of gaining salvation, but do not act as though you were certain of it lest you grow indolent and proud. To Be Continued

Let There Be Light

The Mystery of Prayer

Beyond that which words can interpret

Or theology can explain

The soul feels a "shower of refreshment"

That falls like the gentle rain

On hearts that are parched with problems

And are searching to find the way

To somehow attract God's attention

Through well-chosen words as they pray,

Not knowing that God in His wisdom

Can sense all man's worry and woe

For there is nothing man can conceal

That God does not already know...

So kneel in prayer in His presence

And you'll find no need to speak

For softly in silent communion

God grants you the peace that you seek.

Faith Sharing Stories

Breaking the Silence

"How did you do it, Dad? How have you managed to not take a drink for almost 20 years?" It took me almost 20 years to have the courage to even ask my father this very personal question. When Dad first quit

drinking, the whole family was on pins and needles every time he got into a situation that, in the past, would have started him drinking again. For a few years we were afraid to bring it up for fear the drinking would begin again.

"I had this little poem that I would recite to myself at least four to five times a day," was Dad's reply to my 18-year-old unasked question. "The words were an instant relief and constant reminder to me that things were never so tough that I could not handle them," Dad said. And then he shared the poem with me. The poem's simple, yet profound words immediately became part of my daily routine as well.

About a month after this talk with my father, I received a gift in the mail from a friend of mine. It was a book of daily affirmations with one affirmation listed for each day of the year.

It has been my experience that when you get something with days of the year on it, you automatically turn to the page that lists your own birthday.

I hurriedly opened the book to November 10 to see what words of wisdom this book had in store for me. I did a double-take and tears of disbelief and appreciation rolled down my face. There, on my birthday, was the exact same poem that had helped my father for all these years! It is called the Serenity Prayer: God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the Courage to change the things I can; and the Wisdom to know the difference.

By A Cup of Chicken Soup for the Soul

Read More Know More

July 9 -St. Augustine Zhao Rong

and Companions, Chinese Martyrs

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese diocesan priest who was martyred with his 119 companions in 1815. Among their number was an eighteen year old boy, Chi Zhuzi, who cried out to those who had just cut off his right arm and were preparing to flay him alive: "Every piece of my flesh, every drop of my blood will tell you that I am Christian."

Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. Depending on China's relations with the outside world, Christianity over the centuries was free to grow or was forced to operate secretly.

The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them (eighty-seven) were born in China and were children, parents, catechists or laborers, ranging from nine years of age to seventy-two. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The thirty-three foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Jesuits, Salesians and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse (Paris Foreign Mission Society) to his martyrdom in Beijing. Augustine was baptized and not long after was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized in Rome on October 1, 2000.

主日分享

毫不猶豫地跟隨耶穌

本主日是常年期第十三主日。本主日彌撒福音顯然是關於跟隨耶穌的意義及其要求。其中第一部份，描述耶穌不辭危險，毅然前往聖京耶路撒冷，也間接地指示了跟隨耶穌的必然後果。耶穌毅然前往聖京，因為祂受難的時刻快要來到；與耶穌一起受難，是跟隨耶穌的人不可避免的遭遇。要跟隨耶穌便必須有完全的信賴，必須有毫不計較個人未來安全的決心。"人子卻連枕頭的地方也沒有。"跟隨耶穌就是把什麼事情都放在宣講天國之後。"讓死人去埋葬他們的死人吧！你只管去傳揚天主的國！"追隨耶穌不許回頭反顧。既然拋棄了一切，就不可緬懷過去，只許勇往直前，再也不掛念過去作了什麼，或者考慮是否還有沒有別的可行的作法。"手扶著犁而向後看的，不適合於天主的國。"本主日彌撒中的讀經一記載厄里叟接替厄里亞作先知的故事。這故事可以幫助我們明白本主日彌撒福音的教訓。當厄里亞接受了天主的吩咐，前來找厄里叟時，厄里叟正在耕田。那就是說，厄里叟是在日常生活中突然受到天主的召叫。那是很值得注意的

一點。不論在舊約或在新約聖經的記載中，天主慣常這樣召叫人去執行一種特定的使命。梅瑟、達味和別的許多人，在看守羊群時突然被召。西滿和安德肋在打魚時，瑪竇在關口收稅時被召。天主的召叫給予人的要求是絕對的。厄里叟被召後立刻離開了他耕田的牛。雖然他請求回家向父母告別，他毫不遲疑地拋棄了他的牛、耕具和全部家產，跟隨了厄里亞，去為他服務。

教會需要修會和神職聖召。但是，本主日彌撒中福音和讀經一的教訓，並不只限於這種特殊的聖召。所有基督徒都接受了天主的召叫。他們都應該在各自的生活環境中對他們的聖召作出積極的回應。舉一個淺近的例子，每一個基督徒都有責任為他所屬的本堂區服務。當然，在俗信友有他們的家庭責任，這是絕對不容疏忽的，因為家庭是為構成教會和社會所不可缺少的細胞。所以，為了服務堂區而忽略家庭責任，是很不明智的行為。但是，事實上，有許多在俗信徒慷慨地投入了教會的牧靈和傳教工作。他們甚至不惜為此犧牲待遇優厚的職業和物質條件寬裕的生活。在本主日的彌撒禮儀中，慈母教會教訓我們，聖德是所有基督徒共同的進修目標，並不是神父和修女們的專利。

福傳祈禱意向

七月祈禱及傳教意向：

祈禱意向：請為在巴西舉行的世界青年節及激勵全體基督徒青年做福音的門徒和傳教士而祈禱。

傳教意向：為整個亞洲大陸向福音使者敞開大門祈禱。

信德年

打開信德之門

本堂為教友實行再慕道的金句：

每日十分鐘默想聖經及研習教理；
信德若沒有行為，自身便是死的。
雅各伯書 2:17

卡加利教區信德年朝聖團護照

教宗本篤十六世將給予全體信友信德年的全大赦。從 2012 年 10 月 11 日開

始，直至 2013 年 11 月 24 日結束，在這期間全大赦是有效的。有鑒於此，卡加利教區所編制的教區朝聖團護照，有助於教友獲得此恩寵，此外參與朝聖團的教友也有機會獲得亨利主教祝福紙及信德年玫瑰念珠。詳細資料，請聯絡教區百年籌備委員會。電話(403) 218-5500 或電郵 receptionist@calgarydiocese.ca 教友可在教堂入口處索取教區朝聖團護照，作為防身之用！

堂區活動

援助卡加利水災災民

卡加利現正面臨嚴重的水災。卡加利教區 (Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary) 現正發起募捐，作為緊急援助卡加利水災之用。請大家慷慨解囊！捐款方法：

- 直接寄支票到教區中心，支票抬頭 "Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary" 附註「Calgary Flood Relief Fund」地址：120 17th Ave S.W., Calgary, AB T2S 2T2
 - 上網：先到教區網頁 <http://www.calgarydiocese.ca>，按「DONATE NOW」的按鈕，並指出你將捐款捐到「Calgary Flood Relief Fund」
 - 請以現金或支票抬頭 "OLPH"，附註 "Calgary Flood Relief Fund"，放入信封內(請寫上捐獻信封號碼，或姓名及地址)，然後放進主日奉獻籃內。捐款數目將加入堂區發給你的年終捐獻報稅收條總額內。
- 亨利主教很感謝大家對援救工作的慷慨和努力，願你的慷慨及愛心獲得天主豐厚的祝福！

顯供聖體 (七月六日)

聖體敬禮是耶穌基督的真實臨在，信徒對聖體要表達應有的崇敬，但這同時也是信德的宣示。永援聖母堂七月份的顯供聖體時間為七月六日上午十時至十一時，當天除了朝拜聖體外，阮神父將為教友聽告解。請各位教友盡量參與！

前天主教台北教區狄剛總主教將到訪卡城

前天主教台北教區狄剛總主教將於7月5-8日到訪卡城，並於7月6日星期六下午5時及主日7月7日上午11時在永援聖母堂舉行感恩彌撒。並於7月6日星期六5時彌撒後在上禮堂與教友共聚 Potluck 晚餐及分享信仰。7月7日星期日晚上6時30分於亞洲軒酒家聚餐，與教友共聚情誼。今年適逢狄剛總主教晉鐸60週年，實在是與這可敬神長慶祝的難能可貴機會。堂區誠意邀請教友踴躍參與感恩彌撒及購票參加聚餐，票價每位30元。

暑期主日彌撒

七、八月之主日彌撒將更改如下：
星期六主日提前彌撒：五時(國語)
星期日早上彌撒：九時三十分(英文)
十一時(廣東話)

星期二黃昏彌撒暫停

九月一日之主日開始，主日早上彌撒及星期二黃昏彌撒將照以往時間舉行

暑期堂區通訊

六月三十日的堂區通訊將會是暑期前最後一期，九月一日再刊

2013 教區公益金，齊來獻愛心

主題：「...為我作證人...」

2013年教區公益金(TIA)，籌募經已展開。本堂今年的目標是\$50,000元，截至5月7日，捐款已累積至\$12,335元。捐款信封可在聖堂入口處拿取。就讓我們立即行動，慷慨解囊。

活動一週

星期三、五 7月3, 5日

永援聖母松柏軒

時間：上午9時至正午12時

地點：永援聖母堂上禮堂

星期六 7月6日

顯供聖體

時間：上午10時至11時

地點：永援聖母堂

聖母軍聖母無玷聖心支團

時間：早上11時(開會)

地點：聖堂二樓騎士會室

狄剛總主教感恩彌撒、Potluck

晚餐及分享信仰

時間：下午5時彌撒，彌撒後晚餐

地點：永援聖母堂及上禮堂

星期六 7月7日

狄剛總主教聚餐

時間：晚上6時

地點：亞洲軒酒家

師主篇

第二十五章、勤於改過自新

現今出些力氣，後來能得大平安，並得永遠的福樂。你事奉天主，若能忠信、熱心，天主也必忠信地待你，大加恩賞。你該切望得天國的光榮，然而不可自以為有把握，怕的是你後來起驕傲，生懈怠。 待續

停一停...諗一諗 人的聖召

聖召是成聖的聖召

我可會想：

「聖召」是召叫成為聖人……

就如聖經中提及的亞巴郎、梅瑟、達味、瑪利亞……他們原本都不是甚麼顯赫的人物，卻因著回應了天主在其身上的旨意，使他們的生命變得不一樣。天主召叫每一個人，在其生活環境中成聖，過一個更豐盛的生命……教會裏亦有不少人，跟隨天主的旨意，主耶穌的福音去生活，成為歷代的聖人聖女，為我立下生活的芳表，如何以生命回應上主的慈愛……

我願意像聖人們一樣，在生活的各種細節裏，矢志不渝地承行上主的旨意，一生愛慕上主嗎？

心靈小品

祂等待著

在金質聖體龕的門後面，耶穌聖心於寂靜中等待著我們。我們為了什麼遠離祂呢？

我聽過許多為什麼耶穌被排斥被拒絕的理由（特別是在聖體中的耶穌）。而它們來自於同樣的根源：不瞭解是「誰？」在等待著我們。

有一些人遠離是因為他們認為他們不需要教堂。他們選擇了以自己的方式

來朝拜天主，他們喜歡隨時隨地的朝拜天主。他們還控訴去教堂朝拜天主的人是偽善者。（嗯，如果教堂充滿了偽善者，總有空間再多容納一個吧！）這些人是多麼可悲呀！他們失去了許多機會傾聽天主的聖言，跪在耶穌的十字架下被祂的寶血洗淨，從祂的體、血領受平安與力量，讚美祂的仁慈並接受祂的祝福。日復一日；周復一周，聖體聖事是在我們去世後面見天主之前堅強我們的靈魂，準備那偉大一刻來臨之最好的方法。

有一些人遠離了教會聖事，特別是和好聖事，因為他們不願向一個人來懺悔自己的罪。但是司鐸並不是以他自己的名來赦罪；他是耶穌之名並靠天主的權柄來赦罪。經由感官、理智與情感犯罪違背天主，也必須經由同樣的感官、理智與情感來接受祂的赦罪。「人」唯有聽到赦罪的言語後，感覺才能平復，心才能從恐懼與怨恨中得到自由與平安。

還有一些因為受到無法寬恕之事傷了心而遠離的人，他們缺乏為了愛天主本身的緣故，而努力超越去看待別人所犯之罪的意志力。

那麼，當熱心的靈魂見到天主因別人的重罪而傷心時，就不會只注重自己的感覺，而是為耶穌而傷心。這個熱心的靈魂只想如何安慰耶穌聖心，花更多的時間祈禱尋求機會來安慰祂，以更多的愛獻給祂的聖心，勤領聖體聖事加深靈性生活。

也許對已找著耶穌的靈魂而言，最悲痛的只是和臨在於聖體中的耶穌、祂的教會以及祂的聖事分隔。他們不隨從情感起伏，不尋求更動人的講道，不逃離十字架。若歸咎教會中缺乏靈性指導或抱怨「未被牧養」，這只不過是凌辱在聖體聖事中屈尊成為我們食糧的耶穌而已。

沒有其他的靈修勝過在彌撒聖祭中接受的恩寵或領聖體的價值。如果有「靈」如果使人靈與耶穌，與祂的母親，與聖體聖事以及與教會絕裂，那麼那個靈不可能是聖神。

有一些靈魂安於忠信的修持，他們恆常地參與彌撒，但是對於克服他們的過錯並沒有效果。他們富於感情，但是對耶穌冷淡和缺乏熱愛。耶穌絕不

會停止推動這些靈魂，努力激勵他們以更濃厚的愛對待祂，但是祂自己絕不會勉強他們——他們必須渴望被祂所擄獲。

另一些靈魂每主日來到耶穌前，心裡充滿了憤怒和怨恨，缺乏對祂的愛。這些靈魂似乎已失去了忠信，但是繼續參與彌撒以取悅他們所愛的人。他們的心遠離耶穌沉沒在私慾與勞碌中。

什麼樣的靈魂渴望領受聖體中的耶穌，卻不能夠？是陷溺於生活環境且缺乏脫離犯罪狀況決心的人。因為他們把自己或其它所視為利益的事看得比耶穌重要，他們對天主的愛已冷淡了。但是他們仍保有足夠的信德與望德繼續祈禱、參與彌撒並且常拜聖體。這些靈魂必須祈求耶穌賜與力量與勇氣去做必須做的，賜與靈魂只渴望能為耶穌所滿意。當他們等待那奇妙的一天將再度能夠領受祂的體血、靈魂與天主性時，最有力量的一個祈禱是在彌撒中把破碎的心置於聖體盤上。

沒有一顆心比耶穌聖心更徹底地被蹂躪的。但是祂有尋求安慰嗎？當我們汲汲營營於日常工作時，可會想到祂淌血的聖心？我們可會對待祂如一個不受歡迎的訪客？耶穌是活生生的！祂以祂聖體聖事的臨在居住在聖體龕與聖體光中。讓我們走向祂，全心地愛祂並恆心努力肖似祂吧！

靈修小故事

小鎮醫生

凡事不可結黨，不可貪圖虛浮的榮耀；只要存心謙卑，各人看別人比自己強。——斐理伯書 2 章 3 節

美國作家辛克萊·路易斯的小說《大街》，闡述了一個女人卡羅的故事。她來自繁華的都市，卻嫁給一位小鎮的醫生。新遷入這個落後的小鎮，卡羅覺得自己比鎮上所有人更優越。但丈夫對於一樁緊急事故的反應，挑戰了她的優越感。一個移民農夫的手臂受了重傷，需要截肢。卡羅看到她的丈夫以溫柔的言語安慰傷者及他心煩意亂的妻子時，她深感欽佩。這位醫生熱心服侍人的態度動搖了卡羅高傲的

心態。

身為耶穌的門徒，我們在各樣的關係中，可以選擇認為自己高人一等，或謙卑地顧念他人的需要去服事。使徒保祿告訴我們：「凡事不可結黨，不可貪圖虛浮的榮耀；只要存心謙卑，各人看別人比自己強。各人不要單顧自己的事，也要顧別人的事。」（斐理伯書 2 章 3-4 節）

當我們把焦點放在耶穌身上，以祂為榜樣時，我們可以學習把別人的需要看得比自己的還重要。祂「取了奴僕的形像」，又為我們犧牲了自己（5-8 節）。當我們忽視他人時，別忘了主為我們的犧牲，祂為我們立下了謙卑、美好的榜樣。

知多一點點

中華諸聖節七月九日

「殉道者的鮮血是信仰的種子。」戴爾都良

自從首位殉道基督徒斯德望在耶路撒冷殉難以後，二千多年來，教會中已有千千萬萬的人為基督捨身，這不但是歷史的陳跡，也是每一個時代的基督徒面對信仰的真理時，必須坦然以對的事。就中華殉道者而言，為信仰捨身就義的人數相當可觀，祇庚子年間被義和團殺害的人就有兩萬多。而這次被教宗正式認可宣聖，並被普世教會公開敬禮的中華聖人，是從 1648 年第一位殉道聖人劉方濟神父，到 1930 年為主致命的高惠黎神父，代表四百年來的中國殉道烈士。

這一百二十位聖人中，八十七位是中國人，三十三位是客籍傳教士。其中主教六人，神父廿三人，修士八人（其中一位為輔理修士），七位修女，七十六位平信徒（其中二人是望教友）。年齡最大七十九歲，最小的七歲。教友中有傳道員，有家庭主婦、守貞女子和幼童，各種職業，不同年齡的男女老幼，可做各種職業及不同年齡的聖職人員及教友的模範和主保。

若望保祿二世選擇了十月一日做為宣聖中華殉道聖人的日子別具意義，因為當天是傳教區主保聖女小德蘭的瞻禮日，她在生前就殷切為中國傳教士祈禱，死後更祈禱天主的愛像玫瑰花

雨一般撒遍神州大地。期望日後中華地區有愈來愈多以中華聖人為主保的聖堂，也願中華聖人為普世大地的華人祈禱，讓基督福音的果子結結實實地紮根在每個人心中。

中華殉道聖人，為我等祈！