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Established in 1988 and expanded in 1999, the University History Office houses the archives of the university and exhibits the memorabilia. The office is located in the Cardinal Yu Pin Administration Building (Yeh-Sheng Lo). Guided tours are available upon reservation. For reservation or business contact, please call (02)2905 3046. Photography, recording, smoking and eating are forbidden in the Exhibition area. We thank you for your kind cooperation. <http://www.fuho.fju.edu.tw/>

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Re-establishment in Taipei

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Personalities Educational Goals and Mission

I. Mission and Goals

Mission Statement

Fu Jen Catholic University is an academic community of students and teachers closely associated in fostering the growth of the whole person, on the basis of Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and Holiness. Fu Jen is committed to a dialogue leading to the integration of Chinese culture and Christian faith; to academic research and the promotion of genuine knowledge; to the development of society and the advancement of humankind.

Goals

Human Dignity
Fu Jen affirms human dignity and recognizes all basic human rights, with a special emphasis on liberty of conscience and academic freedom.

Meaning of Life
Fu Jen promotes search for the meaning of life, development of an integrated value system, pursuit of high moral standards and professional ethics.

Academic Research
Fu Jen is committed to academic research, to true knowledge and firm action, to the promotion of humanism and to integration of knowledge.

Community Awareness
Fu Jen fosters positive interaction between students, workers, staff and teachers, and cultivates balanced development of self and community.

Dialogue with Cultures
Fu Jen stresses interaction between Chinese and other cultures, and promotes dialogue between faith and reason.

Religious Cooperation
Fu Jen offers each individual a context in which to acquire a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith, while fostering interreligious dialogue and collaboration.

Spirit of Service
Fu Jen seeks to develop a spirit of compassion and service as well as an active commitment to justice with a view to international solidarity. Through teaching, research, service and administration, the Fu Jen community strives towards real knowledge of the person, the environment, and God.

II. University Motto

Veritas Bonitas Pulchritudo Sanctitas Truth Goodness Beauty Sanctity
According to the explication of His Eminence Paul Cardinal Yu Pin:
Truth is the search for truth and the cultivation of the ability to distinguish right from wrong.
Goodness is the practice of moral and ethical codes.
Beauty is all that comes from the fruition of truth and goodness.
Sanctity is the combined consummation of truth, goodness and beauty.
The University Motto, truth, goodness, beauty and sanctity, is an embodiment of the ultimate goal, that is the communion between God and man.



III. Flag

The University flag's color is yellow, which indicates the affinity of the University to the Holy See. The twelve stars in the middle symbolize the Virgin Mary.



IV. Emblem

The university emblem was re-designed by Rev. Gong Shi-Rong in 1971, who was then the secretary general of the university.

The laurel wreath symbolizes peace, while the twelve stars in the middle are a symbol of the Virgin Mary.

The Latin words at the bottom of the emblem signify the University's ideas-Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and Holiness.



V. University Anthem

The University Anthem was composed in 1962. The text was written by His Eminence Paul Cardinal Yu Pin and set to music by Professor Yau-Tai Hwang, a highly renowned contemporary Chinese composer.

VI. University Anniversary December 8

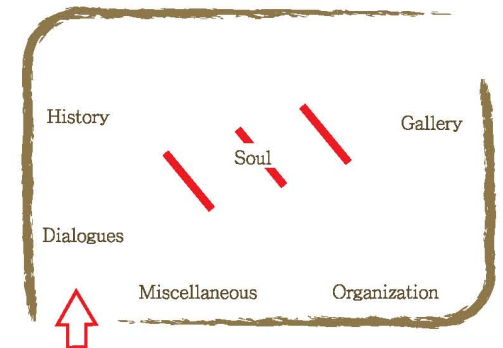
After the re-establishment of Fu Jen in Taiwan, President Paul Cardinal Yu Pin consecrated the university to the Virgin Mary after the approval of His Holiness Pope John XXIII. Therefore, the Virgin Mary is the patron saint of the university. From the first moment of her existence, she was preserved by God from the original sin that afflicts mankind, and was filled with divine grace. The feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated on December 8 and established in 1476 by Pope Sixtus IV, is chosen as the University Anniversary.



Campus Fair



University Games



Map

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Historic Overview

I. Preparation Period

- 1912 Catholic laymen and literati, Mr. Ma Hsiang-Po and Mr. Ying Lien-Chih, wrote Pope Pius X to appeal for the establishment of a Catholic university in Northern China.



Mr. Ma Hsiang-Po



Mr. Ying Lien-Chih

- 1913 Mr. Ying Lien-Chih formed the Fu Jen Academy near Beijing for the education of young Catholics. Subjects taught at the Academy were limited to Chinese classical literature and history. The effort ended because of financial constraints.

- 1920 Dr. George Barry O'Toole, OSB, who was then studying Chinese and doing missionary work in Beijing, met Ying Lien-Chih to better understand the hope for the establishment of a Catholic university. Dr. O'Toole presented the plan to the Holy Father and the Abbot General of the Benedictines. The plan was greatly acknowledged by both of them.



Dr. George Barry O'Toole

- 1923 His Holiness Pope Pius XI generously donated 100,000 Italian lira as an initial fund for the establishment of the university. The Order of St. Benedict decided to put Archabbot Aurelius Stehle, OSB from the St. Vincent Archabbey of Latrobe, Pennsylvania in charge of the project.



Pope Pius XI



Archabbot Aurelius Stehle, OSB

- 1924 Benedictine Fathers Idephonse Brandstetter and Placidus Rattenberger arrived at Beijing and met His Excellency Archbishop Celso Constantini, the first Apostolic Delegate in China, Ma Hsiang-Po and Ying Lien-Chih to discuss the establishment of a pontifical university in China.



Archbishop Celso Constantini



Idephonse Brandstetter and Placidus Rattenberger

II. Beijing Period

- 1925 Dr. George Barry O'Toole was appointed Rector. The university purchased the Bei-le Palace in Beijing City as its campus. The west side of Beijing city was the location of Fu Jen Academy, which was also named the McManus Academy of Chinese Studies.

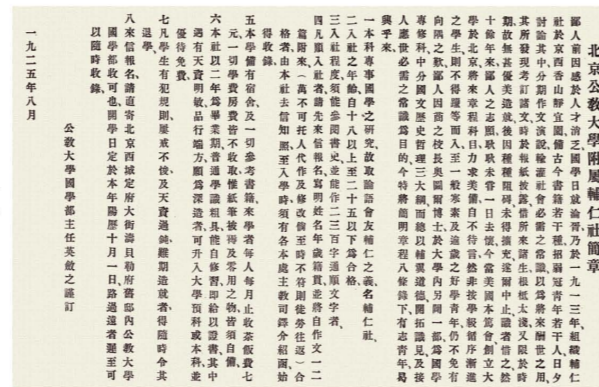


The Bei-le Palace in Beijing City

"Prospectus for Fu Jen Academy, Affiliation to Beijing Catholic University" was drafted by Ying Lien-Chih, the Director of the Academy. School started in October with an enrolment of 23 students.

- 1926 Enrolment of the Fu Jen Academy rose to more than 120 students.

- 1927 The Ministry of Education officially approved the Catholic University, and the name was changed to "Fu Jen Catholic University." Four departments were established—Chinese Literature, English Language and Literature, History, and Philosophy.



Prospectus for Fu Jen Academy, Affiliation to Beijing Catholic University

- 1929 In accord with the University Law and the Ministry of Education, the Liberal Arts Curriculum was changed into the College of Liberal Arts. In the same year, the College of Science and College of Education were added. The Board of Trustees was reformed. Application for approval was made with the Government in Nanking. Mr. Chen Yuan was appointed President of the University. The undergraduate program had eleven departments. In addition, a boy's high school, pre-medical program, and pre-art program were established as affiliations to the university.



Mr. Chen Yuan

- 1930 The new building was built, and the original building reserved for the affiliated high school.



- 1931 The first commencement was held with eleven students awarded bachelor's degree.

- 1933 The university received orders from the Congregation of Propaganda Fide which announced the Society of the Divine Word would take over the university. Rt. Rev. Joseph Grendel, SVD, Superior General, was appointed Chancellor and Fr. X. Murphy, SVD was appointed rector of the university.



Rt. Rev. Joseph Grendel, SVD



Fr. X. Murphy, SVD

- 1937 Application for the establishment of graduate institutes in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences was approved. The renowned "Typhus Research Center" was established. After the Marco Polo Bridge incident, the invasion of Northern China and the occupation of Beijing by the Japanese, the international character of Fu Jen Catholic University saved it from a Japanese take-over, and it was able to continue.



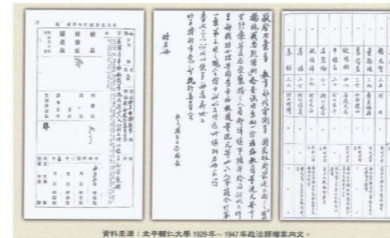
Library for the Division of Female students



Female students of Fu Jen

- 1938 The University started to recruit female students for Colleges of Liberal Arts, Education and Science, who were under the care of the Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit.

- 1945 Professor Ying Chien-Li, Secretary General of the university, and a large group of faculty and students were arrested and imprisoned for anti-Japanese activities. After the end of World War II, the government approved degrees won by its students, partly in recognition of their loyalty to the national cause.



Government Commendation

- 1950 The Ministry of Education of the Chinese Communist Government took over Fu Jen Catholic University.



Ceremony for the Annexation

- 1952 After some adjustments, the university was annexed to Beijing Normal University.

III. Re-establishment in Taipei

- 1956 The Alumni Association of Fu Jen proposed the re-establishment of Fu Jen Catholic University.



Establishment of the Alumni Association of Fu Jen in Taiwan

- 1959 The then Archbishop Yu Pin visited Rome on his return trip from the US to Taiwan. The proposal was brought to the attention of the Congregation of Propaganda Fide. The President of the Congregation asked the archbishop to draft the plan, which was later approved. In the same year, Archbishop Yu Pin was appointed the first President of Fu Jen Catholic University upon her re-establishment. His Holiness Pope John XXIII supported the project by contributing USD100,000 dollars as the initial fund. His Eminence Cardinal Cushing of Boston responded by a pledge to embark on a drive aimed at raising one million US dollars to re-found the university. It was decided that the Chinese Diocesan Clergy, the Society of Divine Word (SVD) and the Society of Jesus (SJ) cooperate on the re-establishment of the university.



Pope John XXIII



Archbishop Yu Pin



Cardinal Cushing



Emblem of the Society of Divine Word (SVD)



Emblem of the Society of Jesus (SJ)

- 1960 Upon his return, Archbishop Yu Pin began the Re-establishment Preparatory Office and worked on organizing the Board of Trustees. His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Kung-Hsing Tien was appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees.



H. E. Cardinal Tien conducted the Rite of Blessing for the opening of the Preparatory Office.

- 1961 Buildings No. 37 and 39 on Chi-Lin Road, Taipei were purchased to house the Preparatory Office. Application for the establishment of the Graduate Institute of Philosophy, and College of Liberal Arts was approved by the Ministry of Education. Eight students were recruited for the first year.

- 1963年 The Board resolved to purchase 34 hectares of land in Pan-Ying Borough, Sinhuang City, Taipei County as the site for the main campus. The same year, the university was allowed to join the National Joint Entrance Examination for universities. Commencement for the first year students at the Graduate Institute of Philosophy was held. 518 undergraduate students were recruited for the first year with the official opening of the Sinhuang Campus.



- 1969 The Evening School was established.

