The Most Reverend Paul Kwong

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Different life pursuits determine attitudes toward life and conception of values. No matter what occupation one is in and regardless of social status, one can live a colourful and meaningful life as long as one has a sense of responsibility, and works with dedication and integrity. Archbishop Paul has chosen to commit himself to the promotion of religious cause and to serving God, seeking his ultimate destiny in a simple and peaceful life.

Archbishop Paul appears to have been born with a strong sense of and reverence for religion. He is a fourth-generation member of the Anglican family, into which he was born. He grew up in a religious home and, since he was a teenager, has sought the truth and spiritual power in the church. He once said that ever since he was at secondary school, he had felt the calling of God and decided to become a clergyman.

With a lofty vision for religion and a sincere desire to serve the public, Archbishop Paul was sent by Bishop Gilbert Baker to study at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, an Episcopal Seminary in the United States in 1979, and graduated with a master's degree in theology in 1982. In the same year, he was made deacon. A year later, he was ordained priest. And for four years he served as curate at Anglican Holy Trinity Church, after which he served as a Vicar for 10 years at St. Matthias' Church. Archbishop Paul attaches great importance to the sacred ministry of priest, for it gives him chance to serve God and nurture the congregation. As a priest, he founded new churches in two towns, namely St Philip's Church in Tin Shui Wai and the Church of the Ascension in Tung Chung. In addition, Archbishop Paul has served in other posts, including Chairman of the Diocesan Youth Committee of the Diocese of Hong Kong and Macau, assistant to the Archbishop, Provincial Secretary General, lecturer and Chaplain to the Ming Hua Theological College, supervisor of church sponsored schools, and Chairman and member of other social organizations.

Archbishop Paul has won considerable recognition and acclaim from church members for his outstanding contributions to the Hong Kong Anglican Church and the Anglican Communion worldwide. On 30 December 2005, he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, and then in February 2007 as the second Archbishop of Hong Kong Anglican Church, with overwhelming popular support. Since assuming the post of Archbishop, he has paid a lot of attention to exchanges between churches and other regional religious bodies. At the invitation of Ye Xiaowen, the Director of the State Administration for Religious Affairs and within a short span of one week in May, he visited

various religious figures in China, including Bishop Ding Guangxun in Nanjing, Cao Bin, the Deputy Director of the Shanghai Ethnic and Religious Affairs Administration, Cao Shengjie, the President of the China Christian Council, and Presbyter Ji Jianhong, the Chairman of the National Committee of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement of the Protestant Churches in China. He also met with the Deputy Director of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, Chen Zuoer, and Executive Vice Minister of the Central United Front Work Department, Zhu Weiqun. In addition, he visited leaders of the US Episcopal Church, Church of Ireland, Church of England and the Southeast Asian Anglican Churches in order to foster co-operation with them. These friendly visits have strengthened the ties between Hong Kong Anglican and churches in Chinese Mainland and elsewhere, and contributed to the development of local religious cause.

While enhancing ties between Hong Kong Anglican and churches in other areas, Archbishop Paul has mounted a relentless effort to build up Hong Kong province, showing remarkable foresight and wisdom that are appreciated by many. In his view, two prerequisites are essential to the favourable development of Hong Kong Anglican, namely expanding the church's influence through personnel training, and consolidating the work done by its parishes and missions. Archbishop Paul's profound insight and will continue to ensure the favourable development of Hong Kong Anglican.

Mr Chancellor, with his broad mind and generous heart as well as noble life pursuits, Archbishop Paul most fully embodies superior virtue and high moral principles, and the spirit of pursuit of good faith. He is also a wise man with extraordinary leadership qualities and far-reaching astuteness. Archbishop Paul commands respect for his formidable theological knowledge, intense passion for religious work and most notable contributions to Hong Kong Anglican. May I now present Archbishop Paul to you for the award of the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

鄺保羅大主教 榮譽法學博士 贊辭

不同的人生追求決定了不同的人生態度,也造就了不一樣的價值觀選擇。一個人無論從事何種職業,身居何種地位,如果能心存責任感,兢兢業業,恪守誠信,其人生畫卷必然是精彩而有意義的。鄺保羅大主教選擇了將自己的一生奉獻給推動發展宗教事業,把事奉上帝服務世人視為己任,在淡泊清靜中尋求心靈的歸依。

屬保羅大主教對宗教的穎悟和尊崇似乎與生俱來。他生長於聖公會家庭,為家中的第四代 聖公會教友。自幼受家庭的薰陶浸染,屬保羅大主教從少年時代開始就嚮往真道,在宗教神聖的 殿堂裏尋求信仰,並獲取精神力量。屬大主教曾表示,自中學起他便一直感受到神的召喚,立志 投身於聖職行列。

懷著獻身宗教事業和造福大眾的理想,鄺保羅大主教于一九七九年受當時的白約翰主教差派前往美國加州聖公會太平洋神學院修讀神學,於一九八二年獲神學碩士學位。同年他被按立為會吏,一年之後,即一九八三年,被按立為牧師。鄺大主教曾在聖公會聖三一堂擔任助理牧師,為期四年;之後在聖馬提亞堂擔任主任牧師,達十年之久。鄺大主教深愛牧師這個神聖的職份,為他提供了事奉上主,牧養主民的機會。任牧師期間,他在兩個不同的市鎮中創建了兩所新聖堂,即天水圍之聖腓力堂和東涌之基督榮光堂。此外,鄺保羅大主教亦曾擔任多種職份,包括當年港澳教區青年事工委員會主席、大主教助理、教省秘書長、聖公會明華學院講師及校牧、教會學校校監、校董以及其他社會機構的主席、委員等等。

屬保羅大主教為香港聖公會和普世聖公宗所做的傑出貢獻得到香港聖公會教友充分認可和高度讚譽,贏得了他們的衷心擁戴。屬大主教于二零零五年十二月卅日當選為香港島教區主教,又于二零零七年二月當選為香港聖公會第二任大主教,實為民心所向,眾望所歸。屬大主教自擔任大主教以來,非常重視所服務的教會與其他地區宗教團體之間的交流。獲國家宗教事務局局長葉小文的邀請,他在今年五月份短短一個星期內,先後訪問了南京的丁光訓主教、上海市民族和宗教事務委員會副主任曹斌、中國基督教協會會長曹聖潔牧師、中國基督教三自愛國運動委員會主席季劍虹長老等宗教界人士,又獲港澳辦陳佐洱副主任及中共中央統戰部朱維群常務副部長接見。他又同時拜訪美國聖公會、愛爾蘭聖公會、英格蘭聖公會和東南亞聖公會的領袖,加強彼此合作。他的這些友好訪問加強了香港聖公會與其他國內和世界其他地區教會的聯繫,也促進了香港宗教事業的發展。

在增進香港聖公會與其他地區教會友好往來的同時,劇保羅大主教亦不遺餘力地投入香港教省的建設。他的遠見卓識為人稱道,他認為香港聖公會的良好建設需立足於以下兩點:培育人才壯大教會力量和鞏固牧區和傳道區工作。劇保羅大主教卓越的洞察力有效地保證了並將繼續保證香港聖公會的良好發展。

監督先生,鄺保羅大主教的博大心胸和高尚的人生追求,充分體現了一位善者的崇高道德操守和不懈追求的精神境界。他同時也是一位具有非凡領導魄力和遠大謀略的智者。鄺大主教對神學的深厚造詣,對宗教事業的熾熱情懷,以及對香港聖公會的卓越貢獻,無不讓人充滿敬意。謹恭請監督先生頒授榮譽法學博士學位予鄺保羅大主教。