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P R E F A C E

The Chinese Catholic Church, with its complex history and remarkable longevity, has continued to attract the attention of China watchers. Historians, political scientists, and theologians have been exploring different aspects—the Church’s development in the modern era, the issues of contention between the Vatican and Beijing, and the implications of a universal Catholic Church. In fact, Chinese Catholics belong to either the government-approved Church (open Church) or the unregistered Church (underground Church).

Despite their differences, the Vatican and Beijing have regarded the Chinese Catholic Church as a single body. The Vatican has long refuted the existence of schism in the Catholic Church in China. For other reasons, Beijing has wanted to see the Church as one entity. Both the Vatican and Beijing have found the idea of a schismatic Church to be totally unacceptable. How will it be possible for people from all sides—inside and outside the Church and the country and the Vatican—to perceive the Chinese Catholic Church as one whole? The answers to this contemporary question are rooted in issues and events reaching back many decades (and even centuries). The chapters in this book covering the church from 1900 to the present trace the development of the Church in China from many historical and disciplinary vantage points, and shed light on the way forward.

This edited volume is the product of scholars of various backgrounds, specialties, and agendas bringing forth their most treasured understandings and findings regarding the Chinese Catholic Church. I would like to thank the authors for their cooperation and enthusiasm in making this publication possible. I am also grateful to Burke Gerstenschlager of Palgrave Macmillan for his constant support throughout the book project. I am particularly appreciative of the expertise, thoughtful comments, and conscientious efforts of Mary
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It is always a delight to see a new publication, which would hopefully lead to more similar endeavors in future. This is particularly important considering the recent change of leadership of both the Vatican and China.
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The Chinese transliterations in this book are presented in Pinyin. Some of the Chinese proper nouns or other terms used herein were historically Romanized in missionary documents, letters, journals, and other primary sources, using a different system, such as Wade-Giles, and for some place names, the Chinese Postal Map System. In these cases, the older transliteration of the word is given in parentheses at the first use of the term.

Note on Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the book (the meanings are provided below):

BCCCC  Bishops’ Conference of the Catholic Church in China
CBE    Committee for the Bridging Endeavor
CCP    Chinese Communist Party
CCPA   Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association
CPPCC  Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference
CICM   Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae*)
CM     Congregation of the Mission (*Congregatio Missionis*; Vincentian Fathers and Brothers, or Lazarists, founded in honor of St. Vincent de Paul).
DPP    Democratic Progressive Party (on Taiwan)
Fr.    Father, for a priest
GICF   Guangzhou International Christian Fellowship
MEP    Missions Etrangères de Paris (The Society of Foreign Missions of Paris)
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<td>Maryknoll Missioners</td>
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<td>Msgr.</td>
<td>Monsignor</td>
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<td>OFM</td>
<td>Order of Friars Minor (Ordo Fratrum Minorum) a Franciscan religious order</td>
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<td>OP</td>
<td>Order of Preachers (Dominican)</td>
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<td>PRC</td>
<td>People's Republic of China</td>
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<td>SARA</td>
<td>State Administration for Religious Affairs (formerly China’s Bureau of Religious Affairs)</td>
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<td>SCPF</td>
<td>Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith (Propaganda Fide)</td>
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<td>SJ</td>
<td>Society of Jesus (indicating that one is a Jesuit priest or a Jesuit Brother)</td>
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<td>SVD</td>
<td>Society of the Divine Word (Societas Verbi Divini)</td>
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