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Inspired by the Gospel, the mission of the US-China Catholic Association is to build bridges of friendship and dialogue between the people of China and the United States by offering educational, service, and cultural programs in support of the Church and the larger society.

Our Dear Friends in Christ,

We are in a pivotal year as a Church, and the USCCA has a crucial role to play. As I undertake the weight of this new role as Executive Director, I'd like to invite you to join me in this mission by making a financial gift.

Eighty-five years ago, in China, with the help of a wonderful friendship with a missionary, my grandmother entered the Catholic Church. Soon after, her children converted to Catholicism, one of whom was my mother. Years later, my parents met not in China, but at a Catholic Chinese Parish dance in Brooklyn, NY. I grew up in Upstate New York and did not meet another Catholic Chinese until I was 21 years old. When I first met my wife Jia-Shieu, she would not date me because I was Catholic. She did not feel comfortable at Mass until she attended a Chinese Catholic Pastoral Mission in Maryland, whose parishioners welcomed her with open arms. My wife is now an active Catholic who serves the Church with joy. Our daughter became a cloistered nun, Sister Ma Li Ya Zhi Ai Zhi Niu [Sister Mary Beloved Daughter]. Becoming the new Executive Director for USCCA feels like a culmination of the Lord's providential guidance of my life!

Newly elected Pope Leo XIV continues to nurture strong ties with China. Repeatedly, he encourages us to build bridges of friendship and dialogue with others.

The USCCA is responding to Pope Leo's call in a number of ways. Anticipating a significant increase in the number of Chinese immigrant students, we are renewing our efforts of Friendship ministry to students. Our outreach to the forty-three Chinese American parishes and missions has intensified. We are excited about our new Study Tour to mainland China this October, and our most recent book study had over fifteen participants. As director, my goal has been to get the "wheels" of our various initiatives moving in unison to reach as many people as possible and to set an example of our Lord's friendship and love for the people of China, both overseas and in the US.

Can our generation go out and build bridges of friendship and dialogue inspired by the Gospel, inviting others to the Lord's banquet? Our gospel-inspired mission requires the courage to listen, the spirit of fraternity informing our actions, and open hearts to our differences. Our engagement opportunities [Study Tours, Book Circles, Conferences, and online community] are concrete experiences of the friendship that leads to peace in Christ.

Please, will you consider being a part of this journey? With your time, talent, and treasures, will you build up our association? In particular, I ask you to contribute to this year's annual appeal. Your financial support will enable:

- *The development and distribution of educational resources.*
- *Our 30th International Conference. To be held in Houston, Texas, from July 30th through August 2nd, 2026. Please join us!*
- *Service to the forty-three Chinese Catholic parish communities throughout the United States.*
- *The ongoing development of our Chinese and American Friendship Ministry for the support and accompaniment of Chinese students in American colleges and universities.*
- *The expansion of our thriving Book Circle program*

The USCCA was founded to continue the tradition of over thirty-three American religious congregations of men and women, and mission societies that did outreach to China in the twentieth century. Your personal investment in the USCCA (through engagement of both spiritual and financial contributions) brings the Gospel to life amongst us as we unite in faith with the Chinese people.

From my family history, it is easy to see why I love the mission and work of the USCCA. Reflecting on the many gifts I have received, I'm excited by the possibility of what we, as an association, can give to the Chinese, both in the United States and in China.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, Dr. Benjamin OuYang, on behalf of the USCCA board at Director@uscatholicchina.org or 301-252-9576 (cell).

Blessings and Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Benjamin T. OuYang", written in a cursive style.

Benjamin T OuYang, PhD
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