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### Fr. Albert Chan, S.J. Scholarship Fund



Remembering and Honouring Fr. Albert Chan, S.J. (1915–2005)  
World-renowned Sinologist, Teacher, and Wah Yan Graduate (Class of '34)



Born in Pacasmayo, Peru, Fr. Albert Chan graduated from Wah Yan College in Hong Kong in 1934 and joined the Society of Jesus during the same year. He was ordained in 1947. After initial studies, he completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Sacred Heart College in Manila, in the Philippines, in 1941, and earned his doctoral degree in Chinese studies at Harvard University in 1954. Father Chan read Latin, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, German, French and some Russian. He also spoke Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, French and Italian.

He taught at Wah Yan College (Hong Kong) in the early 1940s, and then at Wah Yan College in Hong Kong and Kowloon in the 1950s. Fr. Albert Chan was a distinguished teacher, scholar, and writer. His legacy and passion for education and research continue to inspire many scholars in their pursuit of knowledge and learning.

In 1985, Fr. Chan moved his collection of 65,000 volumes of books, also known as the Chinese Library of the Society of Jesus, from Hong Kong to San Francisco, which laid the foundation for the current Ricci Institute Library at the University of San Francisco. Since then, these books as well as more than 20,000 volumes of new acquisitions and more than 350,000 folios of archival materials, both in paper and digital format, provide scholars around the world with a unique resource for their studies of Chinese-Western cultural history.



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This special Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 immediately after the Wah Yan College International Alumni Conference, which was held at the University of San Francisco.

The Fund's purpose is to remember and honour Fr. Albert Chan's distinguished contribution to establishing a world-class Chinese library at the Ricci Institute and to promoting scholarship on Chinese-Western cultural exchange.

The Fund will provide younger scholars and junior faculty members who are Jesuit alumni of Wah Yan College and/or of other Jesuit institutions across the world with advanced research opportunities through the library resources at the Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History at the University of San Francisco. It will also help with the maintenance of the 65,000 historical volumes, which are the property of the Chinese Province of the Society of Jesus.

With the support of College alumni, we aim thereby to celebrate and make known across the world the Wah Yan spirit of excellence in education and service to society, embodied by Fr. Chan, an alumnus and former teacher at the College.

We appreciate your support. You can choose one of the following ways to support this initiative.

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