

Retired Thai Bishop passes away after suffering stroke

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Bishop George Yod Phimpisan, 84, played leading role in Thai and Asian prelate conferences



Bishop George Yod Phimpisan, 84, was treated at the Aek Udon International Hospital after suffering a stroke Dec. 15. (Photo supplied)

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The retired Bishop of Udon Thani Diocese, George Yod Phimpisan, 84, died in hospital Dec. 18 after suffering a severe stroke at his home.

Bishop Phimpisan passed away at the Aek Udon International Hospital about 2.10 p.m. after being treated for brain hemorrhaging following a stroke Dec. 15, the hospital confirmed.

Born in Bangkok on Jan. 19, 1933, he was the first Thai to join the Redemptorists and became the first Thai Bishop of northeastern Udon Thani Diocese in 1975. He also became chairman and a member of numerous committees in the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Thailand and Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (Fabc).

As the chairman of the Fabc's Office of Social Communications before his retirement, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Social Communications. He was also an active member of Global Board of Directors of the

International Bible Society.

A local ordinary for almost four decades, Bishop George has been widely known as a person with a good sense of humor and a pleasant personality.

George Yod Phimphisan

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The Most Reverend George Yod Phimphisan, C.Ss.R., D.D.	
<i>Bishop of Udon Thani</i>	
Church	<u>Roman Catholic Church</u>
Diocese	Udon Thani
See	<u>Diocese of Udon Thani</u>
In office	October 2, 1975— November 14, 2009
Predecessor	<u>Clarence James Duhart</u> , C.Ss.R.
Successor	<u>Joseph Luechai Thatwisai</u>
Orders	
Ordination	June 24, 1958
Consecration	December 12, 1975 by Clarence James Duhart, C.Ss.R.
Personal details	
Born	January 19, 1933 <u>Bangkok, Thailand</u>
Died	December 15, 2017 (aged 84) <u>Udon Thani, Thailand</u>
Nationality	<u>Thai</u>

George Yod Phimphisan (Thai: ยอด พิมพิสาร; RTGS: *Yot Phimphisan*; January 19, 1933 – December 15, 2017) was a 20th and 21st century bishop of the Catholic Church in Thailand. He served as the second bishop of the Diocese of Udon Thani in the region of Isan, Thailand from 1975-2009.

Biography

Phimphisan was born in Bangkok. He professed religious vows as a Redemptorist and studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, USA. He was ordained a priest on June 24, 1958.

Father Phimphisan served as a priest in the Vice Province of Bangkok until October 2, 1975 when Pope Paul VI named him to be the second bishop of the Diocese of Udon Thani. He was ordained a bishop by his predecessor, Bishop Clarence James Duhart, C.Ss.R., at the Cathedral of Our Mother of Perpetual Help on December 12, 1975. The principal co-

consecrators were Archbishop Michel Kien Samophithak of Thare and Nonseng and Giovanni Morettiet the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio to Thailand, and the Apostolic Delegate to Laos, Malaysia and Singapore.^[1]

Bishop Phimpisan served as the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Thare and Nonseng from May 14, 2004 to July 1, 2005.^[2] He was the president of the Bishops' Conference of Thailand for three terms: 1991-1994, 1997–2000 and 2006-2009.^[3] He served the Diocese of Udon Thani for 34 years as its bishop before his resignation was accepted by Pope Benedict XVI on November 14, 2009.

The Bishop died on December 15, 2017 around 14:10 at Aek Udon Hospital!^[4]

<u>Episcopal lineage</u>	
Consecrated by:	<u>Clarence James Duhart</u> , C.Ss.R.
Consecrator of	
Bishop	Date of consecration
<u>Joseph Luechai Thatwisai</u>	February 6, 2010

References



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