

# NAJU Corée

Admonition on the Matters Related to Julia Youn of Naju

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The Archdiocese of Kwangju issued a letter of admonition, entitled 'The Position of the Archdiocese of Kwangju in Relation to the Matter of Julia Youn of Naju and Its Related Phenomena II' on February 24, 2009. This is the sequel of the 'The Position of the Archdiocese of Kwangju in Relation to the Matter of Julia Youn of Naju and Its Related Phenomena', issued on November 19, 2007.

With this letter, the Archdiocese of Kwangju made it clear that it reaffirmed its existing position, manifested in 'The Position of the Archdiocese of Kwangju in Relation to the Matter of Julia Youn of Naju and Its Related Phenomena' as of November 19, 2007.

This time, the Archdiocese maintained that the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea (CBCK) supported the position of the Archdiocese of Kwangju at its Spring General Assembly, held from February 25 to 28, 2008, deciding "to publish the Decree of the Archdiocese of Kwangju (January 21, 2008) properly in each diocese, so that the faithful can clearly understand this matter." It also revealed that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had affirmed, with a letter to the Archdiocese of Kwangju as of April 24, 2008 (Prot. No. 112/1993-27066), that the decision of the Most Rev. Victorinus Youn Kong-hi, Archbishop emeritus of Kwangju, was the official position of the Church, which was manifested in his declaration, entitled "Declaration Concerning 'the Phenomena and Messages which Happened to Julia Youn of Naju and Her Statue of the Blessed Mother'" as of January 1, 1998. In this declaration, Archbishop Youn declared, "Various strange phenomena which happened to Mrs. Julia Youn ..... produce no evidence which prove that they are truly supernatural [non constat de supernaturalitate] ....."

In conclusion, the Archdiocese of Kwangju strongly urged the faithful not to follow the members of the group, who try to do damage to the relationships between the Apostolic See and the CBCK, as well as the Archdiocese of Kwangju. The Archdiocese also admonished those who promoted the so-called 'Julia Youn and the related phenomena', to stop disturbing the proper faith of the faithful and agitating for their false hope.