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ASIA/HONG KONG - Conversion, relationship with God, community life for the new evangelization: Cardinal John Tong's exhortation

Hong Kong (Agenzia Fides) - Conversion, a more intense relationship with God, faith formation, community life marked by the participation and prayer, service to the poor in order to witness faith, to fulfill the mission of the new evangelization: arethe commitments for the Year of Faith according to the exhortation that Cardinal John Tong Hon, Bishop of Hong Kong, addressed to the faithful before leaving for Rome, where he is one of the three Delegate Presidents appointed by the Pope at the Synod of Bishops on the new evangelization . According to the Kong Ko Bao (the Chinese version of the diocesan bulletin), during the interview, Cardinal Tong focused on the importance of a close and deep relationship with Jesus as a prerequisite for the realization of the new evangelization: "it is not of an academic question, but a question of awakening the flame of faith in us." In a world such as the contemporary one, marked by materialism and relativism," as taught by the Pope, not only priests have the duty to transmit the faith in society, but also the catechists and each faithful." The Bishop of Hong Kong therefore invited the faithful to take the early Christian community as an "example of faith" and encouraged them to "bear witness to the communion of the Church" putting oneself at the service of the poor. (NZ) (Agenzia Fides 12/10/2012)

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