



ASIA/CHINA - "Light of Faith": concert for vocations in the parish of the Miraculous Medal in Beijing for the first hundred days of the Year of Faith

Beijing (Agenzia Fides) - A concert dedicated to the promotion of vocations in the Year of Faith, entitled "Light of Faith", was held on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 13, in Beijing, in the parish of the Miraculous Medal (called the church of the west of the city) to celebrate the first hundred days of the Year of Faith. According to what Faith of He Bei told Fides Agency, the seminarians and the teachers of the Seminary in Beijing were expressly invited to the concert, because "a close contact between the parishioners and seminarians helps to understand the vocation, to understand that every vocation is a gift and sacrifice of a Christian family, and the parish is their support," confirms the parish priest, Father Zhang Hong Bo. In addition, "we want to encourage the faithful to participate in the promotion of vocations with actions and practical support." On the occasion of the concert, the parishioners offered 10,000 Yuan (equivalent to 1,500 euro) creating the Foundation for Vocational Promotion of the Parish of Xi Tang. "This concert is part of our initiative for the Year of Faith, which we called 'three hundred days of the Year of Faith' – Fr. Zhang continues. -. One hundred days since the start of the Year of Faith we have sponsored the concert for vocations. In two hundred days, around Easter, the main theme will be the promotion of the Sisters' consecrated life. The third appointment will cover parish life, and we would like to celebrate it in collaboration with other parishes." (NZ) (Agenzia Fides 15/01/2013)