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# ASIA/CHINA - The Catholic community intensifies the works of charity and evangelization in view of the Chinese New Year

Shi Jia Zhuang (Agenzia Fides) - In view of the Chinese New Year, which will be celebrated on January 31, the Catholic community of mainland China is intensifying the works of charity and evangelization, especially regarding the elderly, the sick, the poor, the needy and all the weaker sections of society. According to information gathered by Fides Agency, the faithful of the Group of Charity of various parishes in the Diocese of Ji Ning, Inner Mongolia, have become hairdressers, cooks, family doctors and cleaners during their visits to the Houses of Elders, without forgetting the gifts for the New Year. Guided by the priests, they are bringing Christian love to these lonely, elderly, sick people who are often forgotten by their relatives. The priests and the faithful volunteers also bring the sacraments to Catholics.
Last Sunday posters and leaflets were distributed on the theme of evangelization in the parish of Jiu Jiang in the province of Jiang Xi, and also in the parish of Xing Ping in the province of Shaan Xi. Instead, the parish of Dong Hui of the Diocese of Zhou Zhi, in Shaan Xi, has started preparations for the New Year with a formation course on evangelism which was attended by 400 lay faithful, from January 12 to 14 . During the course, they shared texts of Sacred Scripture and experience of the life of faith, accompanied by an intense prayer. (NZ) (Agenzia Fides23/01/2014)

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