



**ASIA/CHINA - GAUDIUM ET SPES AND AD GENTES: YEAR OF THE FAITH-FORMATION COURSE OF THE DIOCESE OF WEN ZHOU, DESTINED ESPECIALLY FOR THE LAITY**

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Beijing (Agenzia Fides) - The Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* and the Decree *Ad Gentes*, two important documents of the Second Vatican Council, were the subject of the second formation course of the Year of Faith of the diocese of Wen Zhou, held on January 26. As reported to Fides Agency by Faith of He Bei, 430 among catechists and lay people active in parish life, took part in the course, together with priests and diocesan seminarians. Five priests of the diocese explained the history of the Council, the meaning of the two documents, the Creed, the meaning of the Cross, and Evangelization in the Year of Faith. In addition, priests and lay catechists invited to "strengthen their faith first and then transmit it to others." According to the diocesan Vicar "there will be several formation courses for catechists and lay people because they are the protagonists of the life of the Church, of the Year of Faith. The revival of the Church depends on the laity." The first formation course was held on November 24, 2012, at the opening of the Year of Faith. (NZ)