



Verbiest Update

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Verbiest Foundation Leuven welcomes 19 Chinese priests

A 4-week-program in Leuven followed by a pilgrimage to Rome

Nineteen parish priests from China arrived at the Chinese College in Leuven on Monday April 28 for a session of exchange on Pastoral, Catechesis, Catechumenate and Social Teaching.



The intensive session lasts four weeks with five hours of class and discussion per day, five days a week, all in Chinese. The session opened on the day of arrival with a Eucharistic celebration around the tomb of Fr. Damian.



On the second day Fr. Matthew Gong, director of the Chinese College started the program with his course on Social Teaching. Mr. Joseph Lim, from Malaysia, follows up with a course on Catechesis, Fr. Terrence Wee CSSR (Singapore) teaches pastoral. Sr. Gaby Yang, researcher at the Chinese College, teaches “Our Journey Together” (on the Catechumenate).



During the weekends the priests plan to visit the Church in Belgium and Germany including also a pilgrimage to the tomb of Theofiel Verbist, Founder of CICM (Scheut) as well as a pilgrimage to Banneux. Verbiest Foundation Leuven has organized this kind of yearly session since 2015. From May 22 to 27, the group goes on a pilgrimage to Rome where, in the past, they were always welcomed by Pope Francis. This time they hope to attend the audience of the then (hopefully) newly elected Pope. On May 28 they conclude their session participating at the Holy Blood Procession in Bruges.



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