



BRIEF INTRODUCTION
TO HOLY SPIRIT STUDY CENTRE (3)

CONTACT AND DIALOGUE

In order to expand our awareness of ethical and religious questions in China, and deepen our knowledge of them, the Centre, besides publishing TRIPOD, has established contact with many kinds of people. This is so that we might exchange opinions and share our thoughts. At the present time our Centre usually holds two kinds of monthly meetings:

A. Ricci Study Team Meeting

Object: to deepen each member's knowledge of Chinese Catholic Church history, to share the experiences of religious, lay Catholics and others after they return from a visit to the motherland, and to exchange reflections based on our research.

Members: Staff of the Centre and representatives of religious orders of men and women living in Hong Kong. There are altogether 14 members.

When started: November, 1979

Meeting Day and Time: Fourth Tuesday of each month,
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Holy Spirit Study Centre

These meetings, which have been taking place for more than a year, strengthen the mutual relations among the members. More particularly, members formulated a set of guidelines for Catholics returning to China for visits, encouraging them to observe the laws of the motherland and not to forget to express our Christian spirit.

B. Gathering Concerning Christianity and China

Object: to give each member an opportunity to exchange materials and information, share thoughts, make reports on readings and cooperate on translation projects.

Members: representatives from Tao Fong Shan Ecumenical Centre, the United Methodist Church Liaison Office, the editorial board of Yik, and Holy Spirit Study Centre. There are 7 persons altogether.

When started: October, 1980

Meeting Day and Time: Second Wednesday of each month,
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Tao Fong Shan Ecumenical Study Centre or
Holy Spirit Study Centre

Although this gathering has taken place only a few times, we have already made some progress towards translating some important documents and hope to increase our service in this regard.

Besides the abovementioned meetings, our Centre continues to maintain contact with concerned people both inside and outside Hong Kong, by correspondence or visits.

If a scholar in this field visits Hong Kong, the Centre will take responsibility for arranging a meeting and inviting people for discussion and exchange of opinions.

The Staff of our Centre are now conducting a course for the seminarians and students of Holy Spirit Seminary, on "The Catholic Church and Contemporary China." The course includes 12 lectures and is for the mutual benefit of students and teachers.

Our Centre hopes to organize each year one or two seminars and discussions regarding the Catholic Church in contemporary China for our confreres. In order to facilitate this plan, we are planning to publish some materials in this regard. When completed, we will send a copy to each of our confreres.