

NEW BOOK: LIGHT A CANDLE

Light a Candle: Encounters and Friendship with China, is a Festschrift in honor of Angelo S. Lazzarotto, PIME.

“A Festschrift is a collection of writings presented to one person to mark an occasion in his life. This Festschrift is presented to Father Angelo S. Lazzarotto PIME on the occasion of his 85th birthday on May 14th, 2010. It is a personal homage from editors, authors, and congratulants to a dear friend, a humble priest and missionary, a scholar, a person of dialogue, an adviser, a sensitive mediator and careful analyst who greatly contributed to the cause of Catholicism in China.”

The above quotation is the opening paragraph of the “Introduction to the Festschrift” by editors Roman Malek and Gianni Criveller, who first thought up the idea of publishing one to celebrate Father Lazzarotto’s 85th birthday. And what a wonderful idea it was! The honoree has devoted his entire life, in the spirit of his fellow countryman Matteo Ricci 400 years previously, to building up friendly relations between the great nation of China and the universal Roman Catholic Church.

Friends of Father Lazzarotto from all over the world and from all walks of life gladly wrote articles for the Festschrift to honor their old friend. The list of friends, who contributed, reads like a “Who’s Who” of those involved in the “Church in China” field. Scholars such as Chen Cunfu, editor Criveller (who compiled a bibliography of 60 years of Father Lazzarotto’s writings), Lippiello, Corsi, Menegon, Wesolowski, Golvers, Von Collani, Nicolini-Zani, Rule, Tiedemann, Heyndrickx, Politi, and many others have made contributions. The whole collection of essays is an admirable tribute to the person honored in the Festschrift. All Sinophiles will certainly want a copy. A fuller book review is forthcoming.

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