

### *China's Present Need*

Zheng Wei, a Chinese friend said to me during a Eucharistic liturgy : “Buddhism came to us from India and Marxism from the West. They were able to take root in China because they knew how to respond to a fundamental need of our people at a precise moment in its history. Christianity came to China some 500 years ago and it has still not quite caught on. Why? Is it because we have wanted to make China enter into Christianity instead of making Christianity enter into China? Today, China no longer believes in anything. The Marxists themselves no longer believe in Marxism. They believe in nothing and in no one. It's everyone for him/herself. Anything is all right to achieve one's ends. Abuse is everywhere. It is urgent that we learn to be true and honest. If the Christian community is capable to forming people who are true and honest, Christianity has a future in China. That is what China needs at the moment. Nothing else.”

