

Editorial

Dear Readers,

With his article on prevention concepts against sexualised violence Gao Jingchuan, a priest of Yongnian Diocese in Hebei Province, is largely venturing into new territory. Up till now no cases of sexualised violence are known from the Catholic Church in Mainland China. The problem is not or is hardly discussed in the Chinese Church on the Mainland and is generally taboo. His article “Prevention Concepts against Sexualised Violence, Reflections for the Work of the Church in China with Children and Young People” is a translated excerpt from his Bachelor’s thesis in the Social Work degree programme, which he submitted in German language to the Catholic University of Applied Sciences North Rhine-Westphalia, Cologne Department, in July 2021.

In his article “Tragedy and Hope for Happiness. Stories from the Girl Temples,” Prof. Dr. Piotr Adamek SVD, Fu Jen Catholic University Taipei, presents a complex phenomenon of folk religiosity, the girl temples (*guniang miao* 姑娘廟), that proliferated among the Han Chinese, and particularly in Taiwan.

Besides these two articles the first 2022 issue of *Religions & Christianity in Today’s China* (中国宗教评论) also includes the series of News Updates on recent events and general trends with regard to religions and especially Christianity in today’s China.

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