

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Today we can present to you issue No. 4/2018 of our online-journal *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中國宗教評論). As usual, you can find News Updates on religions and especially Christianity in China, this time covering the period from June 26 – October 3, 2018. Major events in this period were the tightening of controls in the field of religious policy and the signing of the “Provisional Agreement between the Holy See and the People’s Republic of China on the appointment of Bishops.”

The main article in this issue deals with an aspect of inculturation of the Catholic Church in China. Gregor Weimar SVD (Monumenta Serica Institute, Sankt Augustin) with his contribution “The ‘Sinicized’ National Seminary of Beijing: Liu Bainian’s Ideas for a Chinese Catholic Church” gives a summary of his master thesis. In a long interview, Liu Bainian, today honorary chairman of the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association and for a long time a most influential, but also controversial figure in the Catholic Church in China, explains how he, with his concept for the architecture of the new National Seminary of the Catholic Church in China in Beijing in the early 1990s, manifested his ideas of a Chinese Church in stone and concrete.

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