

Editorial

Dear Readers,

Today we can present to you the fourth issue in 2019 of *Religions & Christianity in Today's China* (中国宗教评论). Besides the regular News Update on religions and Christianity in China it contains two contributions on the 10th European Catholic China Colloquium “*Laudato Si*” and Technoscience – Implications with Focus on the Church in China” which was organized by the China-Zentrum and took place in Siegburg/Germany from 30 August – 1 September 2019.

The first is a short conference report by Katharina Wenzel-Teuber, the second the contribution given by Fr. Jeroom Heyndrickx CICM (Verbiest Institute, Catholic University of Leuven) on “Beijing and the Holy See – Seeking the Common Ground. Two Wounded Partners in Dialogue.” In his article Fr. Heyndrickx elaborates how the Rome–Beijing relationship developed from confrontation to dialogue and gives his evaluation of the “Beijing–Rome Agreement of September 22, 2018.”

As many of you already have learned, on 29 November 2019 the founding director of the China-Zentrum, Fr. Prof. Dr. Roman Malek SVD, passed away at the age of 68 in the hospital of Grudziądz, Poland. The funeral service was held in the mission house of the S.V.D. missionaries in Górna Grupa, Poland. We owe Fr. Malek with his charismatic nature and admirable creative power very much. Also in the long years of his illness he always remained close to us and our work. A public memorial service for Fr. Malek will be held in accordance with German Catholic tradition six weeks after his death, i.e., on Friday, 10 January 2020 at 14:30 in the crypt chapel of the S.V.D. Missionary Seminary, Arnold-Janssen-Str. 30, 53757 Sankt Augustin, Germany. You are most welcome to attend. If you plan to, please let us know by Monday, 10 January 2020 (info@china-zentrum.de). We will publish an obituary at a later point of time. R.i.P.

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