

## Catanzaro: the first national meeting of the Apostolic Movement

The 4th Ecclesial Meeting of Verona being imminent, in Catanzaro the 1st national Meeting of the Apostolic Movement is being celebrated about the theme "Announcing the Gospel of Hope: springs, reasons and subjects of the mission of the Church in front of the present challenges".

The Apostolic Movement, born in Catanzaro on November 3rd 1979, by means of its inspirer and founder Maria Marino, has got as its own charisma the reminding of the Word to the world, inviting man to conversion. A mission "ad gentes" that the movement turns into reality with the pastoral, spiritual and theological support of the numerous priests, whose vocation was born in the bosom of the Movement, and of the laymen and laywomen, among whom even consecrated, who live its spirituality.

To the Meeting, which sees the presence of over 5000 responsible people, the Patriarch of Venice, Cardinal Angelo Scola, takes part, intervening on the 12th of May, Friday.

The fist day of the meeting was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm. The Archbishop of Catanzaro – Squillace, Mons Antonio Ciliberti, while addressing a greeting to all people who were present, delivered a lecture about the theme: "Ecclesial Movements and new evangelization in the diocesan pastoral". Then it was the turn of the President of the Episcopal Conference of Calabria to present a paper on the second day. He offered a reading about: "The communion in the truth. Ministries and charismas at the service of the Christian identity and mission".

In the three evenings also the president of the Apostolic Movement and its central ecclesiastical assistant, Mons. Costantino Di Bruno, intervened.