



Catanzaro: National Meeting of the Apostolic Movement

Card. Angelo Scola, the Patriarch of Venice, concluded in Catanzaro the 1st National Meeting of the Apostolic Movement about the theme: "Announcing the Gospel of Hope: springs, reasons and subjects of the mission of the Church in front of the present challenges". Over five thousand people were present, among members of the Apostolic Movement and laypeople come from various Italian and foreign dioceses. The works of the first two days, moderated by the diocesan ecclesiastical assistant of the movement, father Francesco Brancaccio, were introduced by the president of the Apostolic Movement, Cettina Marraffa, and by Mons. Costantino Di Bruno, the central ecclesiastical assistant, who gave motivation to the celebration of the meeting, confirming the evangelizing mission that the Apostolic Movement, born in Catanzaro on November 3rd 1979 by means of its inspirer and founder Maria Marino, has got inside the Church. To start the works was the Archbishop of Catanzaro – Squillace, Mons. Antonio Ciliberti, who delivered a lecture about: "Ecclesial Movements and new evangelization in the diocesan pastoral"; while the President of the Calabrese Episcopal Conference, Mons. Antonio Mondello, the Archbishop of Reggio Calabria – Bova, on the second day offered a reading about: "The communion in the truth. Ministries and charismas at the service of the Christian identity and mission". On the third day, moderated by father Gesualdo De Luca, the regional ecclesiastical assistant of the Movement, Card. Angelo Scola delivered a lecture about: "Witnesses of the Risen Jesus, hope in the world: spirit, truth, communion, Christian witness". Faced with the burning questions of the post-modernism, the cardinal firmly confirmed that: "Jesus Christ the Risen is our hope and the hope of the word".