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## Grosseto: the catecheses of the Apostolic Movement

With a solemn Eucharistic Co-celebration presided by Monsignor Franco Agostinelli, the Grosseto Bishop, the fourteenth year of the Apostolic Movement's catecheses was inaugurated in the Maremman Diocese.

The catechesis has its important collocation in the «educational passion which is a part of the Church ministry» - the Bishop pointed out -, because the knowledge of the Lord and the education of the heart create new men, Christians with an adult faith. Therefore, not only a speculative conscience – important as well for a Christian to be competent from the doctrine's viewpoint – but a word that passes from the mind to the heart, to life. The Church must necessarily run through the journey of formation in order to be herself, because the life of the Christians does not end in the rite, but expresses itself in their being witnesses; witnesses of hope, "touched", «involved by hope».

«Then, I cannot help but appreciate what you are doing, what you are» - he went on addressing the adherents of the Apostolic Movement. The Bishop concluded encouraging all the adherents in their commitment which is journey in the Church and work of the Church. «You – He said –, You are the Church, a concrete expression, a living and witnessing expression of the Grosseto Church».

The catechesis meetings on the theme «The joy of the faith and the education of the young generations» will focus on the Sunday Holy Mass Gospel. They will be held in the parochial salon every Thursday, 18.30. However, the fourth Thursday meeting of every month will not be held; that is when the participants to the catechesis will converge to the «Lectio divina», «Divine teaching», proposed by the Diocese in the Cathedral.