

Reggio Calabria-Bova: the Apostolic Movement's catecheses

«Nowadays the catechesis cannot be limited to be education, but it must also be simultaneously first announcement; it must bring people to meet Christ». That is how the Metropolitan Archbishop of Reggio Calabria-Bova, Monsignor Vittorio Mondello, addressed the responsible persons and the adherents to the Apostolic Movement present in the «city of the straits» for the inauguration of the organic, systematic and permanent catecheses that in this pastoral year 2006-2007 will reflect on the theme: «The joy of the faith and the education of the young generations».

«The announcement, the first announcement, - the Bishop underlined – is a task of all the baptised, nobody excluded. The moment in which with Baptism we are of Christ, we are sent to bring Christ. The mission is: go and be witnesses, announce what you have seen, what you have touched with your hands, that is the Word of life. Therefore announcing Christ is the task of everybody». A mission of love that the Apostolic Movement since 1979 pursues with love in the Church reminding the Word of the Lord to whom has forgotten it, drawing on the exhortation words of the founder and inspirer Maria Marino. «Witnesses – the Bishop went on – are all the baptised, all the Christians. But evidently, in order to be witnesses one needs to have known the one whom we must witness». A permanent education that the Apostolic Movement, thanks to the comments and the probing by Monsignor Costantino Di Bruno, central ecclesial assistant, offers to all those who want to grow at the school of the Word.

Monsignor Mondello, in sending also a greeting to the regional ecclesial assistant, father Gesualdo De Luca, encouraged all the adherents to the Movement to pursue this work.