

## Locri-Gerace: the Apostolic Movement's catecheses

«Communicating the Gospel of the joy is an exalting task»: that is what the Bishop of Locri-Gerace, Monsignor Giancarlo Maria Bregantini, said, during the homily for the inauguration of the organic, systematic and permanent catecheses of the Apostolic Movement; that, in the light of the Gospel of the day of the Lord, for the whole pastoral year, will deepen the theme on: «The joy of the faith and the education of the young generations». It was the turn of the regional ecclesiastic assistant, father Gesualdo De Luca, to give a filial greeting to the shepherd, manifesting the renewed commitment with which the Apostolic Movement wants to work in the «Lord's vineyard» in obedience to the successors of the Apostles.

The Bishop, commenting the letter of Saint Paul Apostle to Philemon, exhorted the people present to «make the other persons pass from the condition of being slaves to that of being brothers», making manifest the beauty of the face of the Church.

«Christianity – Monsignor Bregantini said – is full joy when it becomes a perfume that pervades all the house. So do not keep the joy for yourselves, spread it, because it is the brothers'. If it is given, then, yes, that it is a real joy».

A donating with love and joy that recalls the very charisma of the Apostolic Movement, founded at Catanzaro 3 November 1979; through the inspirer and founder Maria Marino, with the peculiar charisma of reminding to the world the Word of the Lord; inviting man, who often lives in a society more and more distant from God, to savour the Gospel of hope that keeps on being «seed, ferment and fire» able to transform a heart of stone into a heart of flesh.