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Roma: Inaugurated catechesis of the Apostolic Movement

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The training meetings of the organic, systematic and permanent catechesis of the Apostolic Movement were inaugurated with a solemn Eucharistic Co-celebration presided by the Archbishop Luigi Moretti, Vice-regent of Rome. The theme that accompanies the catecheses throughout the pastoral year 2007-2008 will be: «Jesus is the Lord. Training to the faith, to the sequel, to the witness», read in the light of the Gospel of the Day of the Lord.

Monsignor Moretti, greeting the people present, among which many believers coming from various African nations (Ivory Coast, Angola, Nigeria and Congo); delineated a theological pastoral reflection on the chosen theme, taking account of the Movement's charisma, which is that of «reminding the word of the Lord to the world that has forgotten it».

«The experience of the meeting with Jesus – the Bishop said – is repeated from generation to generation; there, where Jesus lets be met as the live and risen and we are able to recognise and welcome him. The welcome of the Lord which to us becomes power of becoming, of being sons of God, builds the true friendship with Him. "It is not you who chose me, I am the one that chooses you", "I do not call you servants, I call you friends". And this relation with the Lord is a relation that opens our heart because the greatness of his presence can become and must become a gift of grace, a gift of life to all of us. The proper mission of every believer – he went on –, this go, this preach, this communicate, this witness; starts and springs from the superabundance of love, happiness the Lord gives everyone of us. The efficacy of the mission starts from here».

Monsignor Moretti concluded encouraging the people present to the responsibility for the construction of the Kingdom of God.