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Encounters and Dialogues
An International Conference in Beijing co-sponsored by the Ricci Institute of the University of San Francisco

The Ricci Institute recently co-sponsored an international conference entitled Encounters and Dialogues commemorating the 400th anniversary of Matteo Ricci’s arrival in Beijing. Attended by over 100 scholars from 19 countries, this conference reviewed the historical and cultural exchanges between China and the West during the late Ming and early Qing dynasties. It is the first time a conference with such diverse participants and topics has been held in China in the past fifty years. Twelve Jesuit scholars, among scholars of other Catholic orders from different countries also attended the meeting.

In his recent statement concerning the relationship between China and the West, the Holy Father stated, “...One of the aspects that make Father Ricci’s work in China original and enduringly relevant is the deep empathy which he cultivated from the first towards the whole history, culture and tradition of the Chinese people.”

Upcoming Events Announcement
co-sponsored by the Ricci Institute and Friends of Ricci

Sunday, January 27, 2002
(see details under New Publications in this newsletter).

Monday, February 25, 2002
A public roundtable exploring Recent Social Changes and its Impact on Spiritual Development in China Today
Joining the panel will be four distinguished scholars:
Dr. James Whitehead of the Ricci Institute
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Dr. Peter Ng of The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Dr. Fan Lizhu of Fudan University of Shanghai

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**Chinese Books and Documents in the Jesuit Archives in Rome: A Descriptive Catalogue Japonica-Sinica I-IV** by Rev. Albert Chan, S.J.. The Jesuit Archives in Rome contain books and manuscripts from the Ming (1368–1644) and Qing (1644–1911) dynasties on Chinese history, philosophy, astronomy, and the physical sciences, as well as volumes by Western Jesuits introducing Christian thought to the Chinese, and works by Chinese Christians comparing the teachings of the Jesuits to the Buddhist, Daoist, and Confucian traditions. Compiled by the Institute’s Senior Research Fellow, Rev. Albert Chan, S.J., this massive descriptive catalogue of Chinese materials in the Jesuit Archives will become an indispensable tool for research in Sino-European exchange.

Chinese version of the **100 Roman Documents Concerning the Chinese Rites Controversy**. This book, containing 100 Vatican documents on the Chinese Rites Controversy, was published recently by the Shanghai Chinese Classics Publishing House in traditional Chinese characters. Supported by the **Friends of Ricci**, this publication is the first to make Vatican documents available to the public in China. The leading translator of the book is Mr. Shen Baoyi, a retired chief editor of the Catholic Guangqi Press in Shanghai. Complimentary copies are available for members of **Friends of Ricci**.

Chinese version of **Zhalan: The Oldest Christian Cemetery in Beijing** was recently published by the Ricci Institute and the Cultural Institute of Macau. Edited by Rev. Edward J. Malatesta, S.J. and Gao Zhiyu, this book documents the entire tumultuous history of the Zhalan Cemetery where tombstones of such well known Jesuit missionaries as Matteo Ricci, Ferdinand Verbiest, and Johann Adam Schall von Bell are located.

Librarian’s Note:

**An Album of Street Life in 19th Century Guangzhou**

A Chinese saying goes: “三百六十行，行行出状元” or, “360 trades, and every trade has it’s master.” This proverb is beautifully illustrated in the bilingual volume entitled **Customs and Conditions of Chinese City Streets in the 19th Century**, a collection of ink, watercolor, and gouache paintings held at the Peabody Essex Museum of Salem, Massachusetts. These rare export paintings, part of the “China trade” of the 19th century, depict many widely known but seldom documented professions of daily life: knife sharpeners, goldsmiths, bird trainers, tailors, shoemakers, carpenters, weavers, masons, tobacconists, painters, toymakers, barbers, physicians, jugglers, peddlers, and food vendors of all sorts. Published by the Shanghai Classical Literature Publishing House, it provides a rare glimpse into Chinese life of the late Qing dynasty. The Ricci Institute acquired this book recently.

**Friends of Ricci Membership Annual Report**

The fully tax deductible annual membership of **Friends of Ricci** is used to support various scholarly programs at the Ricci Institute. For detailed benefit information about how to become a member, please contact us at the Ricci Institute. By the time this report is written, we have received a total of $9,100.00. The following indicates the distribution of expenses for this calendar year. The remaining balance is usually transferred to Malatesta Memorial Fund by the end of year for future use.

All public events sponsored by the Ricci Institute and **Friends of Ricci** are free to members. Additional information concerning these events and publications may be obtained by calling the Ricci Institute at: 415-422-6401, on the web: http://www.usfca.edu/ricci, or via e-mail at: ricci@usfca.edu

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