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Experience the art scene in Beijing, jazz in Shanghai, ultra-modern business districts, expansive new housing complexes, and campus life in China. Then talk with Catholic youth, priests & sisters ministering to those caught in change’s wake, and dedicated lay people who serve the mission of the Church.

TOUR LEADERS

Fr. Michael Agliardo, director of the USCCA and research scholar at Santa Clara University, will lead the tour. Staff of the internationally respected Beijing Center for Chinese Studies will provide logistical support.

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Beijing – Home to the Forbidden City, from which the last two of China’s imperial dynasties ruled, Beijing was an important center for the Jesuit mission; past and present interpenetrate in this fabled metropolis.

Shijiazhuang – An expansive megacity and home to important Catholic institutions, including Faith Press, Jinde Catholic Charities, and one of the largest seminaries in China, where students come from all over China.

Xi’an – Site of 1st imperial capital of China; terminus of fabled Silk Road; home to St. Francis Cathedral (1715) and a vibrant Catholic community today.

Shanghai – Cosmopolitan city and center of world finance; important center of urban Catholicism and Chinese Catholic intellectual life.

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