China is a land of surpassing cultural and historical breadth. Experience its ultra-modern cities, its great centers of education, and its ancient heartland, as well as villages where ethnic minorities that participate in the cultural mix of China have lived for centuries. In these diverse settings, study tour participants will hear firsthand from the Catholics who share in the life of their local communities.

**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.

**WORKING ITINERARY**

**Shanghai** – Cosmopolitan city and center of world finance; important center of Chinese urban Catholicism.

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

**Chengdu** – Sichuan also boasts ancient Han Chinese roots; enjoy local cuisine; see the pandas; and meet Catholic & Protestant leaders.

**Yunnan Province** – Nestled in valleys that slope down from the Himalayas, many ethnic minority villages are found, some Catholic for centuries.

**Guangzhou** – Center of Cantonese speaking China, where the perspective and the cuisine are colored by regional tastes.

For further information, visit the website of the US-China Catholic Association: [USCatholicChina.org/tour-2020hb](http://USCatholicChina.org/tour-2020hb)

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**Dates can shift forward 2 or 3 days to accommodate participants’ schedules.**