



# US-China Catholic Association

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Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, S.J., D.D.  
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*Inspired by the Gospel, the mission of the US-China Catholic Association is to build bridges of friendship and dialogue between the people of China and the United States by offering educational, service, and cultural programs in support of the Church and the larger society.*

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Greetings to our friends, partners and collaborators,

On behalf of the US-China Catholic Association (USCCA), we are asking you to support our 2023 Annual Appeal. The Board of Directors is thankful for your past spiritual and financial support of our mission which began in 1989. We remain dedicated to building bridges of friendship in support of our Catholic brothers and sisters in China as well as those throughout the United States. Next year, 2024, will be the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of USCCA.

In early September 2023, Pope Francis visited Mongolia and offered a special greeting to the over 12 million Catholics in the People's Republic of China via Cardinal Emeritus John Tong and Cardinal-Elect Stephen Chow of Hong Kong. Since the 1600s, being Catholic in China has required stamina of faith. This remains true of the present time. These challenges beg our creative common witness and love for the Gospel. May our compassion allow us to travel on a road to reconciliation through fostering dialogues and building friendships between the peoples of China and the United States.

In his capacity as Chairperson of the USCCA, Peter was fortunate enough to be present at this sacred moment in Mongolia. Upon his return, this encounter renewed his commitment and that of the USCCA to reimagine our future. On 4 October, the Board engaged in a strategic envisioning exercise, reimagining with concrete ideas on how USCCA can live out its Mission in the years to come. We identified the segments of the population in the US and in China that we may wish to serve, along with priority programs that may best serve the various groups. The energy, creativity, commitment, and hope are truly invigorating.

This Annual Appeal seeks to raise \$200,000. Your support will enable us to

- hire our next Executive Director and staff
- plan for our biennial conference to be held in the summer of 2024 with a celebration of the 35th anniversary of USCCA.
- increase our information and educational sources through our website, webinars and with our USCCA partners
- learn from and assist existing Chinese Catholic parish communities throughout the United States
- reach out and learn from Catholic parish communities in both urban and rural China
- develop a viable program of support and accompaniment for Chinese students being educated in American colleges and universities
- encourage scholars to research the rich legacy of Chinese Catholicism in China and the United States.

Your contribution will also be accompanied by an invitation to become an Affiliate member of USCCA. There are four categories of Affiliate, corresponding to different levels of financial contribution. Please go to this [webpage](#) to review the various Affiliate categories and contributions.

As long-time friends or new participants, your generosity will build on the foundation of our past Executive Directors. Sister Janet M. Carroll, M.M. (1989-2003), Deacon Doug Lovejoy (2003-2006), Father Michel Marcil, S.J. (2006-2015), Father Rob Carbonneau, C.P. (2015-2018) and Father Michael J. Agliardo, S.J. (2018-2023).

You might be aware that the USCCA was founded to continue the tradition of over 33 American religious congregations of men and women, mission societies and laity who were missionaries to China in the twentieth century.

Your partnership as an Affiliate and financial contribution, large or small, allows you to personally invest and see how the Gospel will come to life for all of us who are united in faith with Chinese Catholics in China and the United States in 2024 and years to come. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

You can learn about the USCCA at our website [www.USCatholicChina.org](http://www.USCatholicChina.org). We have a new Board with new officers, many new directors, and energy. We are committed to furthering our mission with your support in new and creative ways.

The USCCA is a recognized Catholic organization under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Oakland.

The story of the Church in China inspires us all to live that call to mission at the heart of our faith. Please contact either of us at [chair@uscatholicchina.org](mailto:chair@uscatholicchina.org) if we can provide any further information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Peter Tan,



Chair of the Board,  
Chair of the 2023 Annual Appeal



Rev. Rob Carbonneau, CP, Ph.D., Director Emeritus  
Co-Chair of the 2023 Annual Appeal

The USCCA is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. Your donations are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law. The success of our work depends upon the generosity of people like you.