

Tilføyelse til dr. Soviks artikkel

I et brev datert Hong Kong 1. febr. 1972, skrevet flere uker etter at artikkelen om kristendommen i Mao's Kina var levert til dette tidsskrift, meddeler dr. Sovik at han i Hong Kong har hatt en samtale med pater Ladany, kjent som en meget omhyggelig og kritisk iakttager av den kinesiske situasjon. I forbindelse med omtalen i sin artikkel av feiringen av messen i Peking i november 1971, ber dr. Sovik om at det blir gjort følgende tilføyelse:

«He told me on January 27 that he had up to that time received not a single other eyewitness report from any foreigner of having visited an open church or attended worship. He noted that the reports of Mr. Ronning, the Canadian diplomat, and of Fr. Triviere reporting private Catholic religious activity in the spring of 1971, were both based on hearsay. He said that people in Peking have seen no evidence of further masses in the cathedral in Peking. He therefore believes that there is not at this time any trend toward liberalization or return to freedom of worship. (Which is not to say that this cannot happen in the future.) — Red./O.G.M.