

Church in China

**Pray that God may help the Church in China
to stay faithful and to grow.**



When the Pilgrims came to the United States in 1620 they wanted the freedom to follow their own religion. From the very start the United States has written its laws to protect the freedom of religion that the Pilgrims were looking for. Sadly, not all countries let people follow their religion freely.

All around the world, except in China, the Pope chooses the bishops for the Catholic Church. In China, the government chooses the bishops. This way they try to control the Catholics in China.

Some people in China have realized that what the Chinese government is doing is wrong. They know that the Pope should be choosing the bishops and leading their churches. These people are called the "Underground Church" because they have to hide when they have Mass so they don't get into trouble with the government and get sent to prison.

The Pope wants us to pray this month that the true Catholic Church in China, the "Underground Church," may find the strength to stay faithful even though the people are scared. So we thank God for our freedom, and we pray that Catholics in China may be free too.

Think about it!

- Who chooses bishops for the Catholic Church?
- Who chooses the bishops for China?
- What is the "Underground Church"?

Chinese Paper Yo-Yo



A Chinese paper yo-yo is a fun, easy toy to make. Follow these instructions to make your own Chinese paper yo-yo!

You will need:

- 1 plastic straw or wooden dowel
- Roll of wrapping paper
- Tape

Instructions:

- Cut a piece of wrapping paper 7 feet long by 4 inches wide.
- Tape the wrapping paper to the straw/dowel
- Roll the wrapping paper tightly around the straw/dowel like the picture above shows
- Once you have rolled the whole wrapping paper strip around the straw/dowel, you are ready to use your Chinese yo-yo! Hold the straw/dowel and flick your wrist in an upward motion. The paper will yo-yo out and back in!