

FABC-OFFICE OF CLERGY
Caring For Priests—A Need of the Hour
Dates: September 8th (arrival) to Sept.14th (Departure), 2008.
Venue: Assumption University, Bangkok

I. Background

It has been observed that priests in Asia are challenged by the lack of faith, secularism, materialism, individualism, apathy, indifference, ignorance, passivity, and problematic parishioners. Besides, our priests are also confronted by workload, burnout, inability to meet people's expectations, no time given to prayer nor spiritual life, lack of perseverance, loneliness, excessive administrative demands, lack of accountability, problems with women and alcoholism, psychosexual problems, relational problems with bishops, priest-companions and people. The participants at this meeting strongly felt that a seminar of this nature would certainly help Bishops in their task of caring for priests in difficulties. We are repeating the first Seminar for those bishops who did not attend in Aug.2007.

II. Objectives of the Seminar

1. Helping Bishops to reflect on the identity and vision of the Priest in the Asian Context.
2. Helping Bishops to identify obstacles which priests face in their life and ministry.
3. Helping Bishops to care for priests in their difficulties with regard to their relationships with the faithful, other people, Bishops and priests, and God Himself.

III. Seminar Topics and Resource Persons

1. Shepherding Role of the Bishop: Archbishop Evarist Pinto, Pakistan.
2. Identity and Vision of the Priest in the Asian Context: Fr. Vimal Tirimanna, CSsR, Sri Lanka.
3. Relational Issues and Problems of Priests: Bishop Vianney Fernando, Sri Lanka.
4. Relational Skills in Caring for Priests: Archbishop Peter Fernando, India.
5. Personality Disorders in Priests: Fr. Lawrence Pinto, msij, India.
6. Anxieties and Tensions in Priests: Fr. Lawrence Pinto, msij, India.
7. Unhealthy Moral and Spiritual Values among priests: Archbishop Fernando R. Capalla, Philippines.
8. Alcoholism among priests: Fr. Jayapathy, sj, India.
9. On-going Formation and Helping Measures for Priests in Difficulties: Archbishop Orlando Quevedo, Philippines.

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