

AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
“FORMATION OF POSITIVE, INTEGRAL, EFFECTIVE AND HUMANLY WELL-DEVELOPED
PRIESTS FOR THE CONTINENT OF ASIA”

ORGANIZED BY

FABC-OFFICE OF CLERGY

FROM MAY 6TH TO 11TH, 2013

AT THE ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY
BANGKOK, THAILAND

FOR BISHOPS AND FORMATORS OF ASIA

PARTICIPANTS.....100

**The admission to the seminar will be on the basis of
“First come first served”**

Dear Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Formators,

In our recent meeting of FABC-Office of Clergy, held at the FABC Documentation Center, Bangkok, in June, 2012, it was decided that it is an urgent and a felt need to conduct a seminar on positive, integral and developmental aspects of human formation of priests. In May 2006, we had organized a seminar on “Human formation of Priests”, held at the Salesian Center, Hua Hin, Thailand, which specifically dealt with the psychospiritual problems faced by priests in their human life. But this time, we intend to delve more specifically into the positive, integral issues of human formation, in order to help a seminarian become an affectively (emotionally) mature, a person of integrity and a humanly well-developed healthy person.

Since human nature is psycho-spiritual, psychological growth prepares the ground for a healthy spirituality. Spiritual growth and human development occurs through the positive integration and re-creation of the lower levels of personality. Psychological crises are often opportunities of grace, to enable growth to the higher levels of personality and self-actualization. So human problems are a combination of spiritual and psychological aspects and need integration for healing and growth. A personality operating out of the unconscious never really evolves beyond the ways it developed in childhood. Psychological healing assists us in evolving a mature personality. We are then free to be loving, serving, and less self-serving.

Vocation to priestly and religious lives is both God's gift and the voluntary commitment of an individual. Human beings are partly a product of the past. The family milieu and the society that one hails from play a crucial role in the growth of a person. One's relationship with the self, with others and God depends on the conception of oneself and others. The process of human development highly depends on whether the mystery of human existence is respected or not. Candidates for priestly and religious life come from different family, societal backgrounds. Therefore, each candidate is unique in treating the self, others and God. A matured way of dealing with the self, others and God is an ideal goal. All the same human life has indispensable aspects such as hurtful feelings, helplessness, feeling of not being loved or accepted, etc. To make the formation more fruit-bearing, a balanced integration of psych-spirituality is a fundamental requirement. In this regard the process of self-discovery is important, and it is never complete because it is an ongoing process which allows each individual to consolidate his relationship with God and others.

Thus the vocational journey is a journey to the mystery of one's being. Human frailty is sometimes the consequence of some faults during development. God's grace in one's effort to answer His call is a prerequisite in the process of psycho-spiritual integration. Human living involves interplay of the theological and the anthropological views. This interplay involves a learning process that is developmental and that deals gently, wisely, and firmly with the challenges faced in growing into maturity in Christ as members of his Church.

It is the hope of the FABC-Office of Clergy, a seminar on "Formation of positive, integral, effective and humanly well-developed priests for the content of Asia" would certainly offer Bishops and Formators an apt opportunity to be exposed to current ideas on the topics of the seminar.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

1. To identify the positive aspects of Human Formation in seminaries.
2. To equip formators to accompany seminarians to help them become humanly integrated persons.
3. To assure the Church in Asia of well-motivated, emotionally mature, humanly well-developed priests with a strong sense of commitment to the Church and her mission.

TOPICS (THEMES) OF THE SEMINAR AND RESOURCE PERSONS

1. Theology of the Human Body and its significance in the Human formation of future priests: Fr. Joel Jason—Philippines
2. Motivation to be the Disciple of Christ (future priest): Spiritual and Human aspects of Motivation with special reference to divine Vocation and Priestly life—Fr. Peter Lechner—Philippines
3. Emotional Development of a Seminarian: Self-Identity, Affective Maturity and how these affect his future ministry, priestly life and the mental health as priest: Fr. Selvarathnam, OMI—Sri Lanka

4. Healthy Sexual Development for a Healthy future Priest: Sexual Identity, Sexual Orientations, Behaviours and how these affect his life of Celibate Commitment to the Church and his Ministry.—Fr. Lawrence Pinto, MSIJ, India.
5. A Healthy Awareness of the Church's Mission and the Sense of Obedience to the Authority (Magisterium) of the Church with special reference to Human aspects of Obedience—Fr. Joy Thomas, SVD, India
6. Selection Procedures of Candidates for Catholic Priesthood with specific emphasis on Human Characteristics: Fr. Jaime Noel Deslate—Philippines

An application form is also enclosed. You may make more copies of the application form if there is more than one applicant.

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Executive Secretary
FABC-Office of Clergy

Bishop Vianney Fernando
Chairman
FABC-Office of Clergy

APPLICATION FORM—BISHOP-FORMATORS' SEMINAR
Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences—Office of Clergy

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON

“Formation of Positive, Integral, Effective and Humanly Well-developed Priests For the
continent of Asia”

VENUE: AU Residence Hall (King David Hall)
Assumption University (Suvarnabhumi Campus)
Bang-Na Trad Highway, Km.26
King Amphoe Bang Sao Tong
Samut Prakarn 10540, Bangkok
Phone: 0066-2-7235-297

DATE: May 6th (Arrival) to May 11th, 2013 (departure after breakfast)

Family Name:

First Name (and Middle initial):

Institution/Diocese/Archdiocese.....

Address:

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Passport No.....Country:.....

Telephone: Fax:

E-mail:

Confirmation: Yes, I will attend: No, I will not attend:

Arrival Date & Time: Flight No:

Departure Date and Time:

Please send your application to: Fr. Lawrence Pinto, FABC-Office of Clergy, Pinto Valley, Kavoor Post, Mangalore-575015, Karnataka, India. Kindly do not send your Application form to the Venue of the seminar. If you need an invitation letter for visa purpose, please send an email to: gchatelier@au.edu. Please keep a Xeroxed copy of this application form for the address of the Venue. For any further information contact: the Executive Secretary (fabclpinto@yahoo.co.uk).

Travel details must reach us (the Secretary) by the first of April, 2013. The last moment information will cause you cancellation of your booking for the seminar.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FABC-OFFICE OF CLERGY, PINTO VALLEY, KAVOOR POST, MANGALORE-575015, INDIA
"Bishop-Formator Seminar
From May 6th to 11th, 2013

Dear Participants: Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals and Formators,
Here is some important information you need to have before you begin your journey to the Land of Smiles, Thailand. Please read this information with complete attention.

1. Please note the address of the Seminar Venue—you need this address when you fill the application form for "Visa on Arrival" and the immigration card which you will receive on the flight. Please ask for Visitor's visa, do not mention anywhere about your attending the seminar.

King David Hall (Au Residence Hall)
Assumption University (Suvarnabhumi Campus)
Bang-Na Trad Highway, Km.26
King Amphoe Bang San Tong
Samut Prakaru 10540, Thailand Local Phone: 02-7235297

2. Please arrive at Bangkok airport only on the May 6th, 2013, at any time, but please send us your travel details before April 1st, 2013, the latest. If your travel details do not reach us before this date, it will be difficult for us to make arrangements for your transportation from the airport to the Venue.
3. After you obtain your Visa to Thailand (Immigration), please come out to the Meeting Area, and look for Gate No. 3 (there are 12 gates). Kindly do not come out of the building, but wait at gate no.3. From this point, we will make arrangements for your transportation to the Venue.
4. Please look for a placard/sign board which says: FABC-SEMINAR
5. Kindly be advised: you may occupy your room at the Seminar Venue: King David Hall, at the Assumption University, on May 6th. The Dining Hall will function from 6th May dinner onwards until May 11th breakfast. So you have to kindly look after your breakfast and lunch on the 6th May, and lunch on May 11th, if your departure is in the evening. There is a college Canteen in King David Hall on the 2nd floor (opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 12 midnight) at the end of the corridor. Prices are reasonable. Pay your own bill. Besides, there are small restaurants (downstairs and upstairs) of the SHOPPING MALL of the University which is very close to the King David Hall (it will take you only 5 min. by walk).
6. There will be a bank facility for changing your US dollars or Euro to Thai Baht at the Assumption University, near the University Shop-area. You may need to have at least 300 hundred baht in your hand to look after your breakfast and lunch on the 6th. The airport has many foreign money change counters. Roughly, the rate is US\$=29/30 Baht; Euro: 42 Baht (Thai Money).
7. We provide you with transport from the Bangkok airport only on the May 6th, to the Venue and on the May 11th to the Airport. But if you come on any other date (The Resource Persons may

come according to their convenience, we will pick them up), you will have to use your own transport (taxi) to the Venue. No one will be admitted to stay at the venue before 6th May and after 11th, check-out before noon, if your ticket is for the night, no problem, but do not stay overnight on 11th. If you need to stay from 11th May onwards, you will have to make your own arrangements with the authorities of the Assumption University and then inform me.

8. If you wish to stay longer from May 11th night onwards at the Venue you need to inform Mr. Glen Chatelier (gchatelier@au.edu) in advance, and have it confirmed, and you are required to pay \$35 per night without food.
9. We are going to organize a tour of Bangkok city on one of the days for 5 hours or more i.e., on 9th May after lunch until 7.30 p.m. Dinner will be at 8.00 p.m. Mass will be in the morning.
10. Thailand is a hot country; you may kindly bring only summer clothes to wear.
11. Vestments will be provided for the three Main-celebrants. Stoles will be provided for concelebrants. Kindly bring your cassock/alb for Eucharistic celebration.
12. Please read the information for "Visa information" so that you are well-equipped to receive Visa on arrival (tourist visa) for Thailand.
13. If you need any other information, please contact us as early as possible:
fabcpinto@yahoo.co.uk Mobile: (+91) 09448383211; land line: 0091-824-2483895, Within India: 0824-2483895
14. Every participant will be given a single room. These rooms are excellent with all facilities and air-conditioned.
15. Admissions to the seminar will be closed by April 6th (if 100 rooms are filled before that, then your admission will be refused). We are sorry for those who took their own time to register. No correspondence will be possible from May 3rd onwards, since our office will be closed in Mangalore from May 4th to 12th, May, 2013.

Fr. Lawrence Pinto, msj,
Executive Secretary, FABC-OC, Mangalore.