For four decades since its emergence from the 1970 Asian Bishops’ Meeting with Pope Paul VI in Manila, the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences (FABC) has been doing pastoral-theological reflection on a “new way of being Church” in Asia. An extraordinarily rich corpus of theological thinking and pastoral initiatives has emerged as the local Churches of Asia seek to implement the evangelizing mission of the Church within the Asian context.
One continuing challenge that faces the FABC is the collection, cataloguing, dissemination, and preservation of the FABC experience and insights. The FABC Papers series, which has now reached Number 125 (with many sub-numbers), is one pivotal resource in the endeavor to develop Asian theological reflection. Periodic indexes to the materials are viewed as an important aid in "telling the FABC story," not only within Asia, but also to the wider Christian Church, enabling her to become a truly "catholic" worldwide community of Jesus' disciples.

The booklet you hold in your hands indexes eight years of published FABC material. It is intended to serve all evangelizers concerned with the proclamation of the Good News in Asia—from bishops to laity, from theologians to seminarians, from priests to catechists, from Catholics and all Christians as well as to sincere peoples of other living faiths. This index is of particular interest and relevance for schools of theology, major seminaries, and religious houses of formation.

Some comments of a practical nature will facilitate the use of this document. As indicated in the title, the index covers FABC Papers 101-125; it also includes a special appendix that lists all the "FABC" dissertations that have been completed, inclusive of year 2008.

One page of text is given to each individual FABC paper. After indicating the provenance of the paper, the material is "digested" under three headings: Contents, Subjects, and Persons. CONTENTS include a 150-175-word narrative description of the material and its relevance to the Church in Asia. The SUBJECTS section lists in alphabetical order the main themes discussed; only the "top 25" most important subjects are included due to space constraints. Finally, the key PERSONS that surface in the text appear alphabetically; they may be authors, theologians, or other important figures. Once again, the maximum number is limited to 25, although this number is not reached in all cases.
It seems appropriate and timely to include the appendix of “FABC” dissertations in this periodic index. This is one more practical tool in making the FABC vision of Church and Mission available to interested individuals. Fortunately, an exhaustive compilation of these materials has now been made available in the two-volume work *Theology from the Heart of Asia* produced by Claretian Publications in Manila (2008).

The FABC has been accurately described as “Asia’s Continuing Vatican II.” However, the “reception” of the vision of renewal of both the Second Vatican Council and the FABC remains an ongoing challenge. Thus, the universal Church and all the local Churches in Asia continue to fervently pray: *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*

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FABC Challenges [2001].

CONTENTS: This pamphlet contains nine items related to the Asian Church and Social Communication. It provides additional updated data, following upon FABC Papers Number 85. Sections One and Two form the bulk of the presentation: I. "The Asian Synod and Social Communication: A Documentation" and II. "Social Communication in Ecclesia in Asia and recent FABC Documents." The other seven items include various meetings and documents, emerging from BISCOM (Bishops’ Institute for Social Communication) and FABC-OSC (Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences-Office of Social Communication). Much helpful information on Radio Veritas Asia is also made available [67 pages].

SUBJECTS: Areopagus; Modern; Asian Synod; AsIPA; Biblical Apostolate; Communication: Technologies; Communication: Theology; Ecclesia in Asia; Evangelization; FABC: Seventh Plenary Assembly; Globalization; Jesus: Images; Justice; Megatrends: Asia; Ministry: Priests; Mission; Participatory Church; Popular Religiosity; Radio; Radio Veritas Asia; Seminarians; Social Communication; Spirituality; Stories-Parables; Triple Dialogue: FABC; Youth.


CONTENTS: This paper, consisting of fourteen sections, contains the material on Peace, Non-Violence, and Social Advocacy that emerged from the 2001 meeting of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA), and the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APYMCAs). The gathering in Thailand addressed issues arising from globalization and the response of social advocacy. The statement, entitled "Towards a Culture of Peace in the 21st Century," issued at the conclusion of the consultation, is also presented here; it focuses on "Our Responses as Christians to Social Advocacy," "What Can We Do as Ecumenical Partners," and "Urgent Tasks Ahead for Peace and Non-Violence." A list of participants and their contact information is provided [64 pages].

SUBJECTS: Asia-Pacific; Australia; Bangladesh; Catholic Social Teaching; Christian Conference of Asia (CCA); Ecclesia in Asia; Environment; Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC); Globalization; Harmony; Holy Spirit; Interiority; Justice: Economic; Kenosis; Korea; Megatrends; Migrants-Refugees; Non-Violence (ahimsa); Pluralism; Poverty; Social Advocacy; Solidarity; Transnational Corporations (TNCs); World Bank; Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).


**CONTENTS:** This presentation contains three brief papers on Islam and one on Buddhism: **I.** “Islam Revival in Asia: Its Implications for Christian-Muslim Dialogue”; **II.** “Towards a Dialogue of Liberation with Muslims”; **III.** “Christians and Muslims in Europe”; **IV.** “The Presence of Buddhism in Europe.” The first two papers are authored by T. Michel, and the last two items are documents that treat “Responsibility and Religious Commitment in the Plural Society.” All the titles of the individual papers reflect accurately the material presented. Finally, the first paper is noteworthy for its insightful history, especially on the roots of radical Islam in Asia [30 pages].

**SUBJECTS:** Asia; Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN); Buddhism; Caste System; Europe; Globalization; *Id al-Fitr*; Iran; Islam: History; Islam: Radical; Islam: Revival; Israel; Muslim Brotherhood; Muslim-Christian Dialogue; Modernity; Muhammad; New Religious Movements; Pakistan; Population: Demographics; *Qur’an*; Racism; Theocentrism; *Umma*; Wahhabi Movement; Zakat: Poor Tax.

**PERSONS:** Abdurrahman, M., Engineer, A., Michel, T., Muzzaffar, C., Pieris, A., Quiling, M.

CONTENTS: This FABC paper is an integral presentation, well reflected in the title, made at the PCC Asian Convention, organized around the theme: “Proclaiming Christ to Asian Cultures: Prophecy and Fulfillment.” The gathering was held in Junshin, Nagasaki, Japan on October 15-17, 2002. J. Prior systematically examines the realities of Asia’s 2,165 indigenous groups. He presents a description and the characteristics of these peoples. Next, Prior outlines a program of integral evangelization for these groups; it will entail a three-step process of preservation, purification, and promotion. The insights of Vatican II, popes, the FABC, as well as the Pontifical Council for Culture are integrated into the presentation [34 pages].

SUBJECTS: Asian Synod; Celebration; Community; Creation; Culture; Discrimination; Ecology; Eco-theology; Ethnography; Evangelization; FABC: Office of Evangelization; FABC: Pastoral Concerns; Harmony; Hospitality; Human Rights; Identity; Indigenous Peoples; Jesus Christ; Memory: Purification; Missionaries: Contribution; Non-Violence (ahimsa); Popular Religiosity; “Self-Definition”; Spirituality; Vatican Council II.

PERSONS: Claver, F., Cobo, J., Hamao, S., Irenacus, John Paul II, John XXIII, Kingsbury, B., Mantovani, E., McMaster, N. Paul VI, Prior, J., Sahi, J., Toppo, T.

**CONTENTS:** This article contains the reflections of J. Fung that arise out of his ministry experience among indigenous peoples in Malaysia. In rethinking mission work, Fung proposes important theological principles: the goodness of creation, the cultural reality of Jesus’ ministry, the Incarnation, Resurrection, the Spirit’s presence, and the “Principle of the Sound Tree.” Mission is seen as a countercultural activity that calls for justice and a triple dialogue with culture, religious traditions, and poverty. Evangelizers must be open to transformation by the peoples they serve and must manifest a patient, contemplative silence that witnesses to the integrity of the missionary [30 pages].

**SUBJECTS:** Asia; Contemplation; Countercultural Witness; Creation; Culture; FABC: Office of Evangelization; Healing; Incarnation; Indigenous Peoples; Justice; *Kenosis*; Malaysia; Ministry; Mission; Mission: Theology; Paradigm Shift; Resurrection; Rites of Passage; “Self-Determination”; Shamanism; Silence; Spirit; Superstition; Triple Dialogue: FABC; Vatican Council II.


CONTENTS: This presentation examines Asian Catholicism since the Second Vatican Council through the optic of the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences (FABC). The material is divided into four key topics: I. Institutional Foundation of FABC (this comprises the history, structures, functions, programs, statements, and “authority” of the FABC); II. Context and Mission of FABC (both the external and internal situation of the Church in Asia is examined); III. Plenary Assemblies and Theological Concerns (the seven assemblies are presented and the specific themes are summarized); and, IV. FABC’s Theological Thrust (pivotal Asian theological concerns of vital interest to Asia’s local Churches are summarized). In brief, FABC has indeed pioneered not only a new way of doing theology, but also a “new way of being Church” in Asia [55 pages].

SUBJECTS: Asian Bishops’ Meeting; Bandung; Bishops’ Institutes; Catholicism: Asia; Community of Faith; Discipleship; Evangelization; FABC: History; FABC: Methodology; FABC Papers; FABC: Plenary Assemblies; FABC: Statutes; FABC: Theological Advisory Commission; FABC: Theology; Globalization; Harmony; Jesus Christ; Laity; Local Church; Mission; New Way of Being Church; Prayer; Renewed Church; Triple Dialogue: FABC; Vatican Council II.

FABC Papers 107: James H. Kroeger. Local Church, Dialogue and Conversion [2003].

CONTENTS: The author presents three thematic academic-pastoral studies on specific topics relevant to the ongoing life of Christian communities in Asia; each study is provided with a current bibliography of 40-50 authors and sources. I. “The Theology of Local Church: FABC Perspectives” presents the theology of local Church as it has evolved in Asia for thirty years; a thematic recapitulation by the noted Asian theologian, C. G. Arévalo, concludes the piece. II. “The Church’s Dialogue Commitment: Interreligious Dialogue Milestones” traces the Church’s growth both in awareness of and commitment to dialogue with the world’s living faiths. III. “Naming the Conversion We Seek: Mission and Paschal Perspectives” explores the levels of meaning around the topic of conversion and frames the presentation within the Paschal Mystery [63 pages].

SUBJECTS: Aggiornamento; Assisi Assembly; Bangladeshi beggar; Catholicity; Conversion; Dialogue: History; Dialogue of Salvation; Ecclesia in Asia; Ecclesiam Suam; Evangelii Nuntiandi; Evangelization: Integral; FABC: Methodology; Inculturation; Interreligious Dialogue; Local Church; Migrants-Refugees; Ministries; Mission; Mission Societies: Asian; “New Age in Mission”; Paschal Missiology; Signs of the Times; Sister Churches; Vatican Council II; World Youth Day.


CONTENTS: This copiously documented essay provides a succinct introduction to the FABC approach to “doing Asian theology.” After presenting a brief introduction to the FABC itself, the piece critically analyzes each aspect of the FABC’s five-fold theological methodology: (1) commitment and service to life, (2) dialectical social analysis, (3) critical introspective contemplation, (4) triple dialogue with Asian cultures, religions and the poor, and (5) quest for harmony in the task of theologizing in the Asian milieu. Tan also highlights some foundational principles of this methodology, and he examines its principal elements, its resources, its interpretive matrix, and its criteria of authenticity and credibility [34 pages].

SUBJECTS: Asian Bishops’ Meeting; Asian Theology; Bishops’ Institutes; Contemplation; Contextualization; Dialogue of Life; Environment; FABC: Methodology; FABC: Office of Theological Concerns; Harmony; Incarnation; Indigenous Peoples; Local Church; Migrants-Refugees; Paschal Mystery; Pastoral Cycle; Poor-Marginalized; Receptive Pluralism; Religions, Attitude towards; Service of Life; Social Analysis; Solidarity; Spiritual Heritage; Theology: Resources; Triple Dialogue: FABC.


**CONTENTS:** This study, based on the author’s 2002 doctoral dissertation (Catholic University, Washington) investigates the mission theology of the FABC as found in its official documents from 1970-2000. The author employs the Final Statements of the first seven FABC Plenary Assemblies (1974-2000), the statements of various Bishops’ Institutes, the FABC Office of Theological Concerns, as well as consultations, colloquia, conferences, and symposia organized under the FABC aegis. The author suggests that the FABC’s missiological approach is best described as *missio inter gentes* (mission among the nations) rather than the traditional *missio ad gentes* (mission to the nations). This position is influenced by the way the FABC perceives the issue of religious pluralism in Asia and its preferred non-confrontational dialogical approach for dealing with it [38 pages].

**SUBJECTS:** Asian Bishops’ Meeting; Asian Context; Biblical Faith; Bishops’ Institutes; Christ-like Deeds; Dialogue of Life; Evangelization: Integral; FABC: Methodology; Harmony; Hindu-Christian Dialogue; Jesus Christ: Savior; Kingdom; *Missio ad gentes; Missio inter gentes*; Mission Theology; Mystery; *Plantatio ecclesiae*; Pluralism; Proclamation; Religious Diversity; Sacred; Soteriology; *Theses on Interreligious Dialogue*; Triple Dialogue: FABC; Witness of Life.

**PERSONS:** Amaladoss, M., Bosch, D., Burrows, W., Chia, E., Colombo, D., Dorr, D., Fernando, L., John Paul II, Paul VI, Phan, P., Quatra, M., Tan, J., Wilfred, F.
CONTENTS: This pamphlet contains twelve items on the broad theme of family and communication. The first six documents are drawn from the FABC-OSC-sponsored colloquium held in Negombo, Sri Lanka on November 22-28, 2003 in preparation for the VIII FABC Plenary Assembly (Korea, 2004). The next five items are Papal Messages for the World Communication Day that are related to the family (1969, 1979, 1980, 1994, 2004). The final item is composed of selected passages from Familiaris Consortio. Of special interest are two items by Allwyn and Enid Fernandes (India) and Chainarong Monthienvichienchai (Thailand); they are first-person accounts of how communication issues and concerns are handled within the families of the presenters [86 pages].

SUBJECTS: Anti-family Forces; Cellular Phones; Connectivity; Culture of Love; Discipleship; Domestic Church; Ecclesia in Asia; Familiaris Consortio; Family: Asian; Family: Communication; Family: Spirituality; Family: Values; God as Communication; Information Technology; Internet; Marriage Encounter; Marriage: Interfaith; Marriage: Preparation; Ministries; Parental Responsibility; Prayer; Procreation; Television; Video Games; World Communications Day.

PERSONS: Bush, B., Eilers, F-J., Fernandes, A. & E., John Paul II, John the Evangelist, McHugh, D., Macharski, F., Monthienvichienchai, C., Pascal, B., Paul VI, Roman, A., Teresa of Avila, Teresa of Calcutta, Varela, J.
FABC Papers III: FABC Plenary Assembly VIII. The Asian Family towards a Culture of Integral Life [2004].

CONTENTS: The FABC gathered in Daejeon, Korea in August 2004 for its Eighth Plenary Assembly on the theme of the family. The Asian bishops realize that “perhaps the greatest challenge to the Church in Asia is that posed by the Asian family” because it is “the cellular receptacle of all Asia’s problems, poverty, repression, exploitation and degradation, divisions and conflicts.” Also, the family is “directly affected by the religious, political, economic, social and cultural problems of Asia.” Thus, the purpose of FABC VIII along with its final document of theological-pastoral reflection was to provide “the response of faith” to these challenges. Also, one finds here a detailed vision of family ministry in Asia. The “Charter of the Rights of the Family” (a document of the Holy See) is presented as an appendix [82 pages].

SUBJECTS: AIDS-HIV; Basic Ecclesial Community; Child Labor; Christian Community; Conscience; Culture; Discipleship; Domestic Church; Ecology; Family; Globalization; Interreligious Dialogue; Marriage; Migration; Ministry; Parenthood; Paschal Mystery; Patriarchy; Population Programs; Relationships; Rights: Family; Social Communication; Spirituality; Women; Youth.

PERSONS: Arévalo, C., Augustine, Bishops: Japan, Bishops: Kazakhstan, Bishops: South Korea, Fisichella, S., John Paul II, Joseph: Saint, Mary: Blessed Virgin, Paul the Apostle, Rosales, G.

CONTENTS: This study which explores religious freedom in the Asian context is presented in three parts with a concluding epilogue. Part One investigates the Asian context of religious freedom. Recognizing that the Asian situation today manifests certain common features within great diversity, the study presents the historical, political, socio-economic, and cultural realities of the vast Asian continent. The topic of fundamentalism is also presented. Part Two deals with the moral-theological foundations of the right to religious freedom within the tradition and history of the Church; Dignitatis Humanae, the Declaration on Religious Freedom from the Second Vatican Council, receives an extensive presentation. Part Three investigates religious freedom in Civil Law and in United Nations documents. A final, brief epilogue concludes the study [45 pages].

SUBJECTS: Asian Context; Buddhism; Culture: Indigenous; Dictatorships; Dignitatis Humanae; Discrimination; Freedom: Religious; Fundamentalism; Globalization; Hinduism; Human Rights; Independence; Information Technology; Islam; Islamization; Justice; Law: Civil; Minorities; Pancasila; United Nations; Vatican Council II; World Council of Churches.


CONTENTS: This paper focuses on families in relation to Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) or Small Christian Communities (SCCs) within the structure of parish life. The presentation explores two key questions: (1) What are some urgent issues for family life within urban societies and what are the consequences of these pressures on families? (2) Are families belonging to BECs-SCCs enabled to nurture a “culture of life” and how can this process be facilitated? In addition, a variety of supplementary material is made available: (1) results of a questionnaire in the diocese of Mangalore, South India, and (2) three sample sessions for SCCs to facilitate formation for family life. These three sessions deal with (a) Homemaking is a Partnership; (b) Preparing for Lifelong Partnership; and (c) Marriage as a Sacrament of Unity [27 pages].

SUBJECTS: AsIIPA; Children; Christian Communities; Confirmation; Divorce; Family Life; Formation; Globalization; Holy Spirit; Homemaking; Love: Conjugal; Marriage; Marriage: Mixed; Marriage: Preparation; Marriage: Sacrament; Marriage: Trial; Migrants-Refugees; Partnership; Patriarchy; Poverty; Priorities: Pastoral; Unity; Vatican Council II; Word of God; World Biblical Federation.

PERSONS: Coelho, E., D’Lima, A., Ensing, J., Fernandes, P., Frank, H., Häring, B., Louis, W., Mary, Blessed Virgin, Paul the Apostle, Pereira, A., Quah, S., Viegas, R.

CONTENTS: This helpful pamphlet contains valuable resources for promoting Muslim-Christian relations. The goal of providing these materials is to deepen understanding of the Islamic faith in a globalized world. Special questions (e.g. spirituality, morality, women, etc.) are also addressed. Major presentations are made by T. Michel (Introduction to Islamic Faith and Practice); E. Platti (Islamic Spirituality and Sufism); T. Basman (Militant Islamic Movements); S. Mastura and L. Curaming (Status of Women in Islam); E. Platti (Theological Questions that affect Christian-Muslim Relations); L. Curaming (Islam in Philippine History); and, T. Basman (Islam in the Philippines: Current Issues). The final section presents Modules for Dialogue with Islam. This collection could well be used as a basic introduction to Islam and Interfaith Dialogue [117 pages].

SUBJECTS: Dialogue; Fundamentalism; Injustice; Islam; Islam: Asia; Islam: Faith; Islam: History; Islam: Militancy; Islam: Pillars; Islam: Spirituality; Islam: Theology; Islam: Women; Jihad; Mecca; Modernity; “Moro”; Mysticism; Pilgrimage; Philippines; Prophets; Qur’an; Ramadan; Sufism; Vatican Council II; Wahhabi Movement.

CONTENTS: This collection of essays by various authors from Asia addresses seventeen areas of inculturation: each thematic presentation treats three areas: (a) Asian Context; (b) Pastoral-Theological Orientations; and (c) Concrete and Practical Initiatives. The topics and authors are: (1) Human Promotion and Justice [A. Rogers]; (2) Human Development [D. de Souza]; (3) Ecology [M. Ramirez]; (4) Public Health [A. Murniati]; (5) Cultural Crisis [L. Kleden]; (6) Scripture [M. Ko]; (7) Theological Reflection [C. Arévalo]; (8) Spirituality [S. Anand]; (9) Formation of Clergy and Laity [C. Mateo]; (10) Social Communication [F-J. Eilers]; (11) Consecrated Life [S. Canilang]; (12) Methods of Evangelization [J. Kroeger]; (13) Church Leadership and Governance [O. Quevedo]; (14) Life-style [S. Painadath]; (15) Liturgy and Sacraments [P. Puthanangady]; (16) Feasts and Festivals [A. Tirkey]; and, (17) Art and Architecture [J. Sahi] [117 pages].

SUBJECTS: Architecture; Art; Clergy; Consecrated Life; Culture; Development; Ecology; Evangelization; Festivals; Formation; Health; Human Promotion; Inculturation; Justice; Laity; Leadership; Life-style; Liturgy; Ministries; Sacraments; Scripture; Social Communication; Spirituality; Statistics: Asian; Theology.

CONTENTS: This number contains the documents of the first symposium organized by the recently established FABC Office of Consecrated Life (OCL); it explores the relationships of religious within the local Church. Five symposium presentations are found here in their entirety: I. Witnesses and Prophets Building Up the Local Church (O. Quevedo); II. The Role of the Religious in the Evangelizing Mission of the Church (T. Menamparampil); III. Asian Religious Identity in the Context of the Building Up of the Local Church (J. Neo); IV. Dialogue: Ministry of Religious in Building the Local Church (S. Arokiasamy); and V. Relationship between Bishops and Religious in the Context of the Local Church in Asia (S. Yuji). Two brief addresses by bishops and the final symposium statement are included. The material reflects a clear tone of collaborative dialogue between bishops, diocesan clergy, religious, and laity within the Local Church [96 pages].

SUBJECTS: Basic Ecclesial Communities; Bishops; Celibacy; Charisms; Conversion; Development; Dialogue; Evangelization; Falun Gong (China); Holiness; Hospitality; Identity: Religious; Inculturation; Local Church; Missio inter gentes; Mission Societies: Asian; Monasticism; Option for the Poor; Prophets; Religious; Saint Thomas Christians; Spirituality; Theology: Narrative; Vatican Council II; Vita Consecrata.


**CONTENTS:** Pope Benedict XVI has asserted: "Pope John Paul II rightly pointed out the Council as a ‘compass’ by which to take our bearings in the vast ocean of the third millennium. .... I also wish to confirm my determination to continue to put the Second Vatican Council into practice." This wonderful collection which gathers together seven pivotal pieces can serve as an overview (a "compass") of the Council and its impact on the Churches of Asia. The collection opens with a popular synthesis of the Council by J. Kroeger. A comprehensive, systematic introduction to Vatican II is provided by R. Trisco and J. Komonchak. A. Dulles presents ten basic, guiding principles of the Council. In a lengthy interview, D. Hurley describes the "struggle" of Vatican II. Philippine Bishop F. Claver adds his "personal reflections" twenty and forty years after the Council. J. Neo describes Consecrated Life in Asia in light of Vatican II. P. Phan does a thorough analysis of the reception of the Council in Asia [127 pages].

**SUBJECTS:** Aggiornamento; Asian Synod; Bishops; Canon Law; Collegiality; Ecumenism; Education; Inculturation; Interreligious Dialogue; Laity; Local Church; Mission; Mission Societies: Asian; Oriental Churches; Participation; Priests; Reception: Vatican II; Reformability; Church; Religions: Asian; Religious Freedom; Religious Life; Seminarians; Social Communications; Unity of Christians; Vatican Council II.

FABC Papers 118: FABC Office of Theological Concerns. Interfaith Marriages in the Pluralistic Context of Asia: Challenges, Theological Reflections and Pastoral Concerns [2006].

CONTENTS: This enriching paper addresses a very focused question in Asia today: the fairly common phenomenon of interfaith marriages. Several questions are discussed: How does the Church respond to the persons in these marriages with love and compassion? How can both syncretism and fundamentalism be avoided? Where can canon law and pastoral ministry be of assistance? How can the freedom to practice one’s own religion be safeguarded and encouraged? Such questions (and many more) are insightfully explored. Bishop F. Claver approaches the question from the viewpoint of the social sciences and moves to deeper faith questions. Redemptorist moral theologian Vimal Tirumanna examines the history, canonicity, and sacramentality of interfaith marriages. Finally, Father Clarence Devadass narrates some practical responses of a pastoral nature in dealing with the various stages or phases of such marriages [51 pages].

SUBJECTS: Asian Synod; Biculturalism; Canon Law; Catholic Tradition; Catholicism; Culture; Disparity of Cult; Ecumenism; Faith; Familiaris Consortio; Fundamentalism; Impediments: Marriage; Indissolubility: Marriage; Interfaith Marriages; Interreligious Dialogue; Islam; Marriage Ceremony (Double Religious); Marriage: “Mixed”; Pluralism; Religious Freedom; Sacramentality; Signs of the Times; Social Sciences; Syncretism; Vatican Council II.

PERSONS: Albert the Great, Aquinas, T., Augustine, Benedict XVI, Claver, F., Coriden, J., Daly, B., Devadass, C., Finn, R., Himes, K., John Paul II, Joyce, G., Lawler, M., Meeks, W., Orsy, L., Paul the Apostle, Paul VI, Pereira, J., Peschke, K., Rincon, T., Schillebeeckx, E., Smith, R., Soto, D., Tirumanna, V., Zen, J.

CONTENTS: This comprehensive, well-researched study by SVD Missiologist J. M. Prior was prepared for the Asian Convention of the Pontifical Council for Culture in 2006. The paper is presented in four parts with a brief postscript, extensive bibliography, and group discussion questions. Part One surveys the development of Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity in five Asian countries with a significant number of Catholics (China, Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, and India). Part Two reviews a growing awareness of “sects and new religious movements” in Church documents. Part Three looks at how social science understands the “rise of the sects.” Part Four takes up the pastoral challenge to link the dynamism of Pentecostal-Charismatic movements with the social conscience and experience of basic ecclesial communities. This helpful study sees these movements as “challenges” rather than “threats” that demand an urgent response on the part of the local Churches of Asia [67 pages].

SUBJECTS: Basic Ecclesial Communities; Bible; Charismatic Movement; Culture; Ecclesia in Asia; Ecumenism; El Shaddai; Evangelist-Healer; Folk Catholicism; Fundamentalism; Globalization; Holy Spirit; Leadership: Church; New Religious Movements; Opus Dei; Parish; Pentecostalism; Pluralism; Prophetic Dialogue; Sacramentality; Scripture; Sects; Social Science; Syncretism; Vatican Council II.

FABC Papers 120: FABC Office of Theological Concerns. Respect for Life in the Context of Asia [2007].

CONTENTS: The 1995 Sixth FABC General Assembly reflected on the pastoral role of the Church in Asia as “discipleship in the service of life.” This comprehensive paper builds upon the FABC pastoral thrust of promoting life; it has three sections. Section One deals with the contemporary Asian situation in which life is threatened in multiple ways that covertly and overtly devalue and destroy the sacredness and dignity of human life. Section Two surveys and examines the resources of the cultural and religious traditions of Asia on the value and dignity of human life without ignoring their shadows. This material is helpful to fostering a culture of life in the face of the growing culture of death. Service of Life today in Asia will be met through dialogical cooperation. Section Three examines the Christian sources of the Bible, the Church’s theological and moral traditions regarding the gift of life and its sacredness, as well as the Church’s obligations of respect, care, protection, and promotion of life [50 pages].

SUBJECTS: Abortion; AIDS-HIV; Buddhism; Capital Punishment; Caste System; Confucianism; Culture of Death; Discipleship; Ecology; Family Ministry; Fundamentalism; Harmony; Hinduism; Islam; Jainism; Life: Asia; Non-violence (ahimsa); Patriarchy; Primal Religions; Respect for Life; State Religion; Taoism; Terrorism; Vatican Council II; Women.

FABC Papers 121: Anthony Rogers (Editor). Asian Consultation on Harmony through Reconciliation [2007].

CONTENTS: This pamphlet contains the introduction and three of the papers from the Asian Colloquium on Harmony through Reconciliation held in January 2006. The occasion of the colloquium was the fortieth anniversary of the promulgation of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes – GS). Cardinal Renato Martino in his keynote address, entitled “Joy and Hope amidst Grief and Anguish: The New Gospel for the Twenty-first Century,” dwells on that part of GS that can provide insights for understanding the proclamation of the Gospel in modern society. Father Felix Wilfred of the University of Madras, India comprehensively assesses “Asian Christianity and Modernity Forty Years after Gaudium et Spes.” Archbishop Thomas Menamparampill of Guwahati, India presents a very thought-provoking, reflective overview of “Searching for Ways of Peace,” particularly in the Asian context; he makes a convincing case for the role of believers in the peace-building process [51 pages].

SUBJECTS: Christian Studies; Church-State Relations; Communion; Compassion; Democracy; Ecumenism; Ethics; Fundamentalism; Gaudium et Spes; Globalization; Harmony; Incarnation; Indigenous Peoples; Interreligious Dialogue; Memories: Healing; Modernity; Peace; Reconciliation; Religious Freedom; Social Teaching; Solidarity; Spirituality; Theology of Religions; Vatican Council II; Violence.

**FABC Papers 122: Lawrence Pinto (Editor). Caring for Priests – Especially for Those with Difficulties [2007].**

**CONTENTS:** The FABC Office of Clergy organized an international seminar for the bishops of Asia in August 2007 to discuss their responsibilities in caring for the clergy, particularly those with special problems. Seventy-four participants along with five resource persons took part in the seminar. This pamphlet contains four of the nine papers presented along with the “Final Statement” of the seminar. Lawrence Pinto presented an “introduction-overview” of the seminar, highlighting the focused objectives. Vimal Tirimanna spoke on the identity and vision of priesthood in the Asian context; his theological-pastoral presentation was very comprehensive and foundational. Vianney Fernando of Sri Lanka addressed relational issues and problems of priests and how they affect pastoral ministry and parish life. Orlando Quevedo from the Philippines discussed caring for priests through the optics of ongoing formation and a variety of helping measures. The six-page “Final Statement” concludes the material [63 pages].

**SUBJECTS:** ASSIST Program; Assistance Measures; Bishops’ Role; Celibacy; Clericalism; Credibility; *Ecclesia in Asia*; Eucharist; Hunger for God; Identity Crisis; Leadership; Maturity; Ongoing Formation; Ordination; Pastoral Ministry; *Pastores Dabo Vobis*; Prayer; Priesthood; Priests: Difficulties; Relationships; Service; Shepherding Role; Spirituality; Vatican Council II; Women Religious.

**PERSONS:** Arévalo, C., Bernadin, J., Bernier, P., Cajilig, V., Camara, H., Capalla, F., Cozzens, D., Fernando, P., Fernando, V., Gula, R., Jayapathy, F., John Paul II, Machado, F., Mathias, J., Osborne, K., Parappally, J., Pieris, A., Pimenta, S., Pinto, E., Pinto, L., Quevedo, O., Sheen, F., Statnic, R., Tirimanna, V., Vianney J. M.

**CONTENTS:** In October 2007 two FABC Offices in collaboration with several other Church bodies sponsored the First Asian Vocation Symposium attended by about 150 bishops, clergy, religious, and laity from sixteen countries. Similar congresses have been held in other continents. This pamphlet contains eight sections: I. Messages from Z. Grocholewski and F. Bonnici who serve in Roman dicasteries; II. “The Asian Context of Vocation” by O. Quevedo, FABC Secretary General; III. “Proposal concerning Vocations and the Future of the Church in Asia” by L. Ikenaga of Osaka; IV. “Beneath and Beyond the Roman Collar and the Habit: Motivations for Priestly and Religious Vocation” by Sister J. Gallares (a most insightful analysis of “vocation motivations”); V. Bishop P. Tan presented the ascetical and radical dimensions of vocation; VI. J. and A. Goh discussed the family as the seedbed of vocation; VII. Bishop L. Tagle outlined a holistic and integrated approach to formation; VIII. A “Final Statement” and “Recommendations” are included [70 pages].

**SUBJECTS:** Asceticism; Brothers: Religious; Church: Asian Reality; “Dark Night”; Deacons; Domestic Church; Emotional Intelligence; Eucharist; Evangelization; Family; Formation; Freedom; Maturity; Mission; Mission Studies; Motivations; Pastores Dabo Vobis; Priesthood; Religious Life; Spiritual Direction; Statistics: Asian; Triple Dialogue: FABC; Vocations; Vocations: Asian Context; Workaholism.


CONTENTS: In late 2007 thirty-five participants gathered for the Twelfth Annual FABC-OSC Bishops’ Meeting. Delegates from fifteen countries reflected and shared ideas on the “Eucharist as Communication,” its challenges and opportunities for the Church in Asia. The materials in this publication (divided into ten sections) comprise the various presentations at the meeting, treating the subject from anthropological, theological, liturgical, pastoral, and interfaith perspectives. These considerations are meant to enhance further thinking and deepen theological reflection as the FABC prepares for its Ninth Plenary Assembly in 2009 on the theme: “Living the Eucharist in Asia.” The last section is composed of the “Final Statement” and “Recommendations” penned by the participants. Indeed, these materials manifest “the communicative power of the Eucharist in building up communion, peace, and harmony, and thus to communicate the Asian face of Jesus in the Eucharistic community” (p. 99) [101 pages].

SUBJECTS: Adoration; Architecture; Art; Buddhism; Celebrations; Communication; Contemplation; Ecclesia de Eucharistia; Ecclesia in Asia; Eucharist; Holiness; Hospitality; Inculturation; Meals; Mission; Music; Participation; Paschal Mystery; Pilgrimage; Reconciliation; Rites of Passage; Sacramentum Caritatis; Signs: Sacred; Spirituality; Storytelling; Vatican Council II.


CONTENTS: This number of the FABC Papers series departs from the regular pattern of presenting material relevant to the local Churches of Asia. Instead of publishing new, additional material, this pamphlet indexes the contents already existing in the previous twenty-four papers (Numbers 101-124). Only one previous FABC Papers index has appeared (Number 100); it systematized twenty-five years of publication (1976-2001). However, in that earlier booklet it was suggested that a periodic index be issued for every twenty-five papers; that proposal has now been implemented.

Succinctly stated, FABC Papers Number 125 seeks to foster pastoral-theological-missiological reflection within and among Asia’s local Churches. It is the firm conviction of this writer that such reflection will help the local Churches of Asia “discover their own identity.” As ecclesial self-awareness grows, the Gospel can more effectively be rooted in the soil of Asia. Indeed, there is a deep “missionary motivation” underlying this indexing project.

This presentation examines each FABC paper from three perspectives. First, a brief narrative of the CONTENTS is presented based on a thorough reading of the material. Secondly, key topics or SUBJECTS are identified. Finally, names of PERSONS found in the presentations are catalogued. Users of this index should consult all three sections to surface and “cross-reference” material of interest.

Complementing this index of FABC Papers from 2001-2008, this pamphlet includes as a special appendix a comprehensive listing of all the “FABC” doctoral dissertations completed to date (2008) in all universities around the world. One only finds presented here a simple catalogue of the existing works; a more
extensive exposition is available in the two-volume work *Theology from the Heart of Asia* (Manila: Claretian Publications, 2008).

Undoubtedly, the journey of the Church in Asia is an unfinished adventure; God’s loving design continues to unfold. Pentecost continues in Asia today!
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