BIRA VI
ASIAN CELEBRATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NOSTRA AETATE

The FABC Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs (OEIA)
Redemptorist Center, Pattaya, Thailand
16-20 November 2015
(arrival on 16th, departure on 20th)

**November 16, Monday:** Arrival in Pattaya
08:00 – 18:00 Arrival
18:00 Celebration of the Eucharist
18:45 Dinner
20:00 – 21:00 House Orientation and Introductions of participants

**November 17, Tuesday**
07:00 Breakfast
08:45 – 09:45 Opening Eucharist
09:45 – 10:00 Picture taking 15 minutes.
10:00 – 10:45 Session 1
  Welcome: Cardinal Oswald Gracias 10 minutes
  Practical Matters: (house, schedule, forming groups & statement group) 15 minutes
  Orientation: Archbishop Felix Machado (background/history/purpose and vision of conference) 20 minutes
10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 12:30 Session 2
  Keynote Address: Nostra Aetate – An Overview: History, Theology and Challenges for Today “In Our Time”
  Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, M.Afr.
  50 – 60 minutes presentation 40 – 30 minutes open forum
12:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:30 Session 3
  NA and the Questions That Human Beings in Asia Are Putting to Themselves Today: Human Dignity, Peace, Justice, Ethical Issues…
  Fr. Felix Wilfred
  40 minutes presentation 20 minutes open forum
15:30 – 16:00 Break
16:00 – 17:00 Session 4
  “In our time” Dialogue in Asia with Hindus and Buddhists
  Archbishop Felix Machado – Hinduism
  Rev. Indunil Kodithuwakku K. – Buddhism
  40 minutes presentation – 20 minutes each and the 10 minutes open forum for each
17:00 – 18:00 Session 5 Workshop/Small Group Discussions
18:00 – 18:15 Evening Prayer
18:30 – 19:30 Dinner

**November 18, Wednesday**
06:45 Eucharist
07:15  Breakfast
08:45 – 09:00  Mid-Morning Prayer
09:00 – 10:00  Session 6
“In our time” Dialogue in Asia with Islam and Tribal or Ethnic Religions
Fr. Heru Prakosa, SJ – Islam
Dr. Sunthorn Wongjomprhon – Tribal religions
40 minutes presentation – 20 minutes each and the 10 minutes open forum for each
10:00 – 10:30  Break
10:30 – 11:30  Session 7
The Rise of Fundamentalism and Religious Violence in Asia in the Context of NA
Mr. Javaid William
40 minutes presentation 20 minutes open forum
11:30 – 12:30  Session 8
The Fruits of Dialogue in Asia Over the Past 50 Years: What are the Fruits and
Where Are We Now 50 yrs Later, What Have We Learned and Where Do We Go?
Cardinal Orlando Quevedo, O.M.I.
Representative of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Korea (to be
confirmed)
Bishop Bejoy Nicephorus D’Cruze, O.M.I.
45 minutes presentation 15 minutes open forum
12:30 – 14:30  Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:30  Session 9
Interreligious Marriage in Asia
Astrid Lobo Gaziwala
40 minutes and 20 minutes open forum
15:30 – 16:00  Break
16:00 – 17:00  Session 10
Proclaim “Christ as ‘the Way, the Truth, and the Life” while Respecting at the Same
Time All that is True and Holy in the Religions
Fr. Andrew Recepcion
40 minutes and 20 minutes open forum
17:00 – 18:00  Session 11 Workshop/Small Group Discussions
18:00 – 18:15  Evening Prayer
18:30 – 19:30  Dinner

November 19, Thursday
07:15  Breakfast
08:45 – 09:00  Mid-Morning Prayer
09:00 – 10:00  Session 12
“In Our Time…” Laudato Si’ and Interreligious Dialogue in Asia
Fr. Clarence Devadass
40 minutes presentation 20 minutes open forum
10:00 – 10:30  Break
10:30 – 11:30  Session 13
Small Group Discussions reporting from Day 1
11:30 – 12:30  Session 14
Small Group Discussions reporting from Day 2
12:00 – 14:00  Lunch Break
14:30 – 15:30  Session 15
Workshops by conference/s (regions) for planning *ad intra* and for Asia as a whole through FABC and OEIA (South Asia, South East Asia, Central Asia, East Asia)

40 minutes

Reporting
20 minutes

15:30 – 16:00 Break
16:00 – 17:00 Session 16 Closing or summation, a message or statement
17:30 – 18:30 Closing Eucharist
18:30 – 19:30 Dinner

**November 20, Friday**  Departure
06:45  Eucharist
07:15  Breakfast