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To: The President of Episcopal Conference

The Person in Charge of Commission for Small Christian Communities (SCCs)/Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) and of SCCs/BECs National/Diocesan Teams

Re: BILA (Bishops Institute on Lay Apostolate) II on SCCs

Greetings of love and peace in the Lord!

We are glad to announce and invite you to BILA II on SCCs. It will be held from **September 25th to 30th, 2014 in Camillian Pastoral Care Center in Bangkok, Thailand**. It is designed for bishops and their pastoral core team for building up SCCs as a follow up to BILA I on SCCs in 2010. It is organized by the FABC AsIPA (BEC) Desk of Office of Laity and Family and the BEC National Team of Thailand.

Its proposed theme is '**SCCs Leading to New Evangelization**'. It aims at reflecting on "the value of basic ecclesial communities as an effective way of promoting communion and participation in parishes and dioceses, and as a genuine force for evangelization" (Ecclesia in Asia, no. 25). It also aims at deepening our understanding of SCCs and renewing a way of building up SCCs in our own context based on *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*. It will help participants find concrete examples and models of SCCs as an effective instrument for new evangelization.

We kindly request bishops to join it preferably as a team of 2-3 persons who are responsible for the implementation of the vision of SCCs. More details are given in the enclosed information flier with an application form. Please kindly send your application form by May 10, 2014.

With cordial best regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Patrick D'Rozario, C.S.C.

Archdiocese of Dhaka

Chairman of Office of Laity and Family of FABC

Bibiana Joo-hyun Ro

Executive Secretary

FABC-OLF-AsIPA (BEC) Desk

BILA (Bishops Institute on Lay Apostolate) II on SCCs
FABC OLF AsIPA (BEC) Desk & BEC National Team of Thailand
Camillian Pastoral Care Center in Lat Krabang, Bangkok Thailand
25 (Thur.)-30 (Tue.) September, 2014

1. Dates and Venue

- Dates: Sept. 25 (Thur.)-30(Tue.) till afternoon 2014
(Arrival on Sept. 25th in the morning, before 16:00; Departure on Sept. 30th in the evening or Oct. 1th anytime)
- Venue: Camillian Pastoral Care Center in Lat Krabang Bangkok, Thailand

2. Participants

- Proposed total number of participants: maximum 80 persons
- Priority: Bishops and diocesan directors/key personnel for SCCs/BECs as a team at diocesan and national level
- Please kindly send your application form through the national SCCs/BECs team within the country by May 10, 2014

3. Proposed Theme

- “SCCs Leading to New Evangelization”

4. Objectives

- To strengthen the process towards the vision of the Second Vatican Council--communion of communities/a participatory Church--through SCCs
- To deepen our understanding of SCCs based on *EVANGELII GAUDIUM*
- To discover concrete examples how SCCs become an effective instrument for new evangelization
: Mutual and enriching relationship between family and SCCs, renewing pastoral structure for participation and shared responsibility to support SCCs etc.
- To share and learn what is an important role of bishops and directors in animating SCCs
- To renew ourselves as ‘Spirit-filled evangelizers’ for building up SCCs
- To provide a forum for sharing experiences on SCCs in accompaniment

5. Registration fee: USD 250 per participant

6. Visa

- The local organizing team of Thailand will inform the visa application process later for those who apply.

APPLY NOW. APPLICATION FORM ATTACHED

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APPLICATION FORM – BILA II on SCCs

Name (underline family name): _____ Male Female

Name you wish to be called: _____

Designation: _____

Diocese: _____ Country: _____

National _____ or Diocesan _____ Team (*✓ tick where appropriate*)

I will need a letter of invitation for Visa purpose: Yes No

Please fill items 1 – 6 **as shown on passport** (*All personal information will be kept confidential*).

1. Full Name: _____ 2. Nationality: _____

3. Passport Number: _____ 4. Date of Birth: _____

5. Passport Issue Date: _____ 6. Expiration Date: _____

Contact Details: Tel no: _____ Fax no: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Person (for the team): _____

Any special dietary needs: _____

Vegetarian: Yes No

Please kindly send this application to the AsIPA (BEC) Desk by May 10, 2014 through e-mail (asipa.fabc@gmail.com). More information will be provided once your application is confirmed.

Send to: Bibiana Joo-hyun Ro, Executive Secretary, AsIPA Desk of Office of Laity and Family of the FABC
EMAIL: asipa.fabc@gmail.com or FAX: 82-2-460-7545 or ADDRESS: 643-1, Junggok 1-dong, Gwangjin-gu, Seoul, Korea (Zip Code 143-912)