

Project Proposal for “Study Days on Family”

3 – 6 October 2017

Theme: “The Good News of the Family”

Pastoral & Practical Theology on the Family

based on *Amoris Laetitia* and FABC Plenary Assembly XI Document.

Venue: *Camillian Pastoral Centre, Thailand or Philippines - To be Confirmed*

Preamble

This gathering of pastoral theologians and heads of Family Ministry Commissions, will look at the family from a few perspectives - the pastoral, spiritual and sociological.

Papers presented and discussions will be developed in two directions:

Firstly, as initial material for a set of guidelines for Family Ministry in our local churches and

Secondly, as documentation for study prior to the Conference on the Family in May 2018 which will be co-organized by the FABC Office of Clergy and the FABC Office of Laity and Family.

The resource persons gathered in these three study days will also constitute some of the resource persons presenting and facilitating discussions at the 2018 conference.

Objectives:

1. To develop Asian Pastoral and Theological insights to support stronger family ministry
2. To explore and articulate the theological foundations of marriage and family life
3. To understand the pastoral implications of the theology on the family – the “Good News of the Family” and why we need to proclaim it.
4. To begin to develop a set of guidelines for Family Ministry which will be presented in the following year’s Conference.

Participants

By invitation: about 15 – 20 persons – bishops, priests, laity, religious, men, women and youth.

Pastoral theologians and Family Ministry Practitioners who have strong theological, philosophical, spirituality or socio-psychological training for Family Ministry and Youth ministry.

Participants will include:

- Two or three members from the FABC Office of Theological Concerns;
- Three or four participants recommended by the FABC Office of Clergy;
- Three or four resource persons recommended by FABC Office of Laity and Family, Women’s Desk, AsIPA Desk and Youth Desk.

Budget

Expenses of approximately USD14000/- 20 participants for 4 nights plus 50% travel reimbursements.

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Approved by FABC OLF Chairman, Cardinal Patrick D’Rosario csc