February 23, 2011

Dear Friends,

In response to FABC vision of a New Way of being Church which gives importance to Small Christian Communities, some of us had attended our First Bishops’ Institute on the Lay Apostolate (BILA I) focusing on Small Christian Communities last October 18-23 October 2010 at Pattaya, Thailand. The Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Thailand (CBCT) looks forward to have a foundation course on SCCs Theology for our pastoral ministers in Thailand and Far East Asia. Fr. Thomas Vijay and his team, who has been successfully organized this course at Pallottine Animation Centre, Nagpur, India for the last 6 years, kindly agrees to hold one such course in Thailand this November 1-30, 2011, at Redemptorist Provincialate, Ruamruedee International School, Minburi, Bangkok, Thailand.

This certificate course is meant particularly for priests and religious who have adequate theological foundation and who are interested in promoting SCCs / BECs. It is held in English and working knowledge of English is a requirement. It is residential program and full-time attendance is mandatory. Number of participants is limited to 30 only. Course fees amount to US$ 1,250 or ₱ 37,500; and there is no scholarship available from the local organizer. More details are given in the enclosed Information flier, with an application form attached.

Please help us to disseminate this information to your respective persons in charge of pastoral centers tasked to build Participatory Church and SCCs / BECs. Preferably send a team of at least 2 persons who are responsible for implementation of the pastoral plan.

Application should be duly filled and reach the program coordinator at CBCT Secretariat, Bangkok, Thailand by August 31, 2011. Each participant should fill in a separate form.

Greetings of peace and joy in the Risen Lord.

Yours in Christ,

(Archbishop Louis Charnier Santisuknirun)
President, Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Thailand

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30 DAYS SEMINAR
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RENEWING CHURCH IN THE NEW WAY THROUGH
SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES (SCCs)

An Opportunity For A Theological, Pastoral, Spiritual Study Of SCCs And Its Integrative Power
to Transform Parishes into Active Community

November 1st to 30th 2011 At Ruanrudee International School, Minburi, Bangkok, Thailand
Program coordinated by CBCT and Pallottine Animation Centre, Nagpur, India

What the seminar is about:

1. Basic Understanding of What the Asian bishops meant when they called
   for Renewing the Church in Asia in a New Way.
2. Theological Insight into What SCCs are.
3. Church Teachings on SCCs
4. Method in formation of SCCs
5. New Way of Being church and Theological Issues
   - Ecclesiology
   - Missiology
   - Sacramental Theology
   - Word-centred community
   - Pastoral Theology
   - Church Leadership and Animation of Communities.
   - New Way in Renewed Structure

6. Insight into process of Integration:
   - of Theory and Praxis,
   - spirituality and theology,
   - pastoral vision and real life,
   - clergy leadership and lay leadership,
   - community and individual

7. Exposure to and involvement in SCCs
8. Critical Reflection and Integration on the learning which happens during
   the course.
NB. 1. It is a residential programme and full-time attendance is mandatory.
2. The course will be animated by Fr. Thomas Vijay and his team from India.
3. It is a certificate course, requiring a short integrative paper to be written. Participants’ competency in English usage is required.
4. The course is the only such programme available in Asia. PAC* Nagpur has been running this course successfully in India for the last six years. All those who have attended this course until now found it very useful and effective in their pastoral ministry.
5. Seats limited to 30 participants.
6. Course fees: US$ 1,250 / ₹ 37,500. Scholarship is not available from the local organizer.

Resource Persons:

- **Fr. Thomas Vijay SAC** is the Secretary to the National Service Team for SCCs under the Catholic Bishops Conference of India and the designer and coordinator of this course. He is a member of the ART (AsIPA Resource Team) and has been in this field of SCC formation and animation for the last 23 years and has travelled to many countries to promote SCCs. Student of Doctorate in Ministry, Catholic University of America.

- **Most Rev. Sebastianappan Singaroyan, bishop of Salem, South India.** He monitors personally SCCs building in his diocese. Chairman of Proclamation Commission CCBN (Latin Bishops’ Conference of India), Doctorate in Theology from Pontifical Lateran University, Rome.

- **Fr. Francis Scaria**, Professor, Fundamental Theology in Khrist Premalaya Regional Major Seminary at Ashta, India; has been SCC coordinator of the diocese, has been on our National Team of animators and has given workshops in many countries. He holds a Doctorate in Dogmatic Theology from Urbaniana University, Rome.

- **Mr. Joseph D’Souza** is a full time animator in PAC Nagpur. Holds B.Th from St. Charles seminary affiliated to Angelicum Rome and MA in English (Literature). He has over 10 years experience in SCC formation serving on the National Team for SCCs.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name (as in passport): _______________________________________________

Passport No. ___________________________ (for non Thai nationality)

Name you wish to be called: __________________________________________

Designation: _______________________________________________________

Diocese: ___________________________ Country: _______________________

Contact address: ___________________________________________________

Tel: _________________ Fax: _________________ Email: ___________________

(tick ✓ where appropriate)
Are you planning to arrive before or stay on after November 1-30, 2011?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

I will need a letter of sponsorship for my visa application. (address as above?)

☐ Yes    ☐ No

Please enclose a recommendation letter from your Bishop / Superior with your application.

NB. Kindly send this application to the CBCT Secretariat by August 31, 2011.

Send to CBCT Local Program coordinator:
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