

BILA IV on WOMEN in THAILAND
9-13 July 2012
Camillian Pastoral Centre, Latkrabang, Bangkok, Thailand
Organised by the FABC Office of Laity & Family, Women's Desk

Background:

It is already 4 years since there was a meeting on Women's issues at Asian level. Since 2008 April, a series of regional meetings were held to take up the issues and challenges raised at the Asian level meeting. As 2012 begins there is a need to review and be inspired once again to take up the ministry and mission towards a more just and egalitarian society. We would like to come together to reflect, pray and plan for growth and for mutual encouragement which is much needed.

At the last Asian meeting where 10 bishops were present they expressed the need "to confront cultural practices that discriminate against women with the egalitarian values of the gospel, as well as to promote and sustain counter-cultural Christian communities.

They were confident that inspired with the compassion of Jesus and the courage of Mary the Church in Asia can make a difference in the reality of women. The delegates resolved to continue the process of dialogue and sensitization begun at the meeting."

Participation:

FOUR delegates per country.

Bishops, Religious, clergy and Laity responsible for Women's Desks or Commissions. (wherever Women's issues are being handled – Caritas, Human Development, Justice & Peace, Family Commissions etc.) For those hoping to start a Women's Desk at national or conference level.

Agenda:

Exchange and Reporting on Progress on Women's concerns
Planning & Best Practices for formation & growth
Updating on the situation of women (*speakers will be announced later*)

National Reports:

Related to but not restricted to progress since the last meeting in 2008. Those who have begun Women's Desks since that meeting are most welcome too and can report on their status.

Registration:

Application form is attached. Please note your attendance will need to be confirmed as the number of places available is restricted.

Fees / expenses:

No registration fee is required. Contributions are welcome and reimbursements are only available for resource persons.

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