

**The 8th South East Asia and Oceania plus South Asia Assistency Meeting
of the Apostleship of Prayer
In Tokyo, Japan; October 6th – 11th, 2008**

1. With profound gratitude we, the National Secretaries of AP in *South Asia* and *South East Asia and Oceania* acknowledge and thank the Japanese Jesuit Province for hosting our meeting here at Sophia University SJ House. We appreciate the hospitality of the Jesuits. We also greatly appreciate their allowing us to hold our meeting at the Provincial Curia building. We are particularly grateful to Fr. Manuel Amoros, SJ for hosting us this year, and providing us with competent resource persons.
 2. We appreciate the contributions made by resource persons which help us understand better the spirituality of the AP:
 - a) Fr. Mark Koo, SJ: *Devotion to the Sacred Heart in the contemporary world*;
 - b) Fr. Domenico Vitali, SJ: *Importance and actuality of the Apostleship of Prayer and the devotion of the Sacred Heart for the Christian life in Japan*;
 - c) Mr. Ryu Suzuki: *The present situation of the Japanese society*;
 - d) Rev. Yoshiharu Tomatsu (Buddhist priest): *Compassion in Pure Land Buddhism: Challenges in Applying Traditional Doctrine to Modern Life and Society*;
 - e) Fr. Shinzo Kawamura, SJ: *Christian Lay Organizations and Activities in Early Modern Japan: A case of 'Connected Histories' as Viewed from the Global Historical Context*.
- Fr. Claudio Barriga, SJ - the new Delegate Director General of the Apostleship of Prayer - presented the world wide situation of the AP and the EYM (Eucharistic Youth Movement).
3. We reiterate what we stated in our last meeting in Seoul (Korea) that “we are graced to be called and missioned by our superiors to share AP spirituality of prayer and service in daily life.”
 4. We are convinced of the relevance of the AP in a world that is in need of spirituality. We believe that the AP can offer meaning, hope and fulfillment to people’s lives.
 5. The AP should go beyond, crossing boundaries leading to dialogue and cooperation with other religions. The AP should also recognize whatever other religious traditions might have to offer to enrich our spirituality.
 6. With a few exceptions, the AP is also in *crisis*, which in Chinese means *danger* and *opportunity*. There is the danger of losing the present practice of AP, but there is an opportunity to create new expressions of the devotion. While cherishing the old devotions, we should also be open to new expressions of this devotion.

7. There is need for AP to put more emphasis on:
 - the contribution of the laity in the life and work of the AP;
 - service of the poor and those deprived of basic human rights.
8. We should make better use of the internet and information technology.
9. We should explore greater cooperation and sharing with our institutions and/or apostolic works.
10. We feel the need to communicate the AP to all Jesuits especially those in formation.
11. We will present to provincials our respective plans regarding the AP in each country so that they provide us more effective support to fulfill our mission (see below).
12. We desire greater sharing and cooperation among ourselves. Fr. Fidelis Jayabalan, SJ (India) will be in charge of coordinating our efforts for the next three years. Our next meeting will be in October 2011 in India.

Participants:

1. Fr. Claudio Barriga, SJ (Rome)
2. Fr. Joseph Woo-bae Sohn, SJ (Korea)
3. Fr. James Hurley, SJ (Hong Kong)
4. Fr. Fidelis Jayabalan, SJ (India)
5. Fr. Rey Ocampo, SJ (Philippines)
6. Fr. Andreas Toto Subagyo, SJ (Indonesia)
7. Fr. Lui Ching-Hay Howard, SJ (Macao)
8. Fr. Setsuro Horie, SJ (East Timor)
9. Fr. Manuel Amoros, SJ (Japan)

Personal commitments to work on for the AP in each country for the next three years:

HONG KONG

- Â§ To expand the AP to the lay peoples: vocation and mission
- Â§ To get contact with other religions and religious men and women
- Â§ To find a new chapel for the AP
- Â§ To speak with scholastics about the AP

INDIA

- To initiate a website for the AP in India
- To bring out few more booklets for children
- To visit all the Provinces: seeing the Provincials and Province AP Secretaries; also Novitiates
- To organize a meeting of all AP Province Secretaries in Jan 2010.
- To prepare 3-Day-seminar and retreat: materials on AP for lay animators with an emphasis on inner transformation and social consciousness.
- To prepare materials for EYM meeting to help the animators
- To converse a meeting of other religious congregations who follow Sacred Heart spirituality
- To initiate preparations for the EYM in Dublin (2012)
- To keep regular contact with National Secretaries of East Asia and Oceania Assistancy
- To prepare for the meeting of National Secretaries to be held in 2011, in India.

INDONESIA

- Â§ To continue writing some points of AP spirituality for the monthly AP magazine *Utusan* (Indonesian AP Messenger). In addition to the regular monthly intentions reflections, I would like to have a corner from which I would like draw the readers' attention to the AP spirituality.

- Â§ To get the possibility of having some 4-page-space from *Hidup Magazine*, a Catholic national wide publication with more readers, to promote the AP spirituality.
- Â§ To go on with publishing the AP handy booklets for children and adult, but also with special attention to one for adolescent. Regarding the stories or method, I might go hand in hand with Fr. Jayabalan from India and Fr. Woo-bae from Korea. I will be happy if we may contribute some articles, stories or drawings to our International AP Website.
- Â§ With special attention the Daily Mass church goers, to revive parish safaris in Great Jakarta with some concrete life-program of the AP.
- Â§ To revitalize categorical groups/communities through retreats and seminars; encouraging them to become pro-active cells of the Church, universal as well as local.
- Â§ Quiet strange, but promoting AP spirituality to Ours is easier said than done. Perhaps I would start with the *formandi* (Ours in formation), and also some of the *formati* if possible.
- Â§ When needed, start collaboration with the Conference of Bishops in Indonesia.

KOREA

- Â§ To enhance a collaboration with Sogang University
- Â§ To keep AP Homepage updated
- Â§ To take care of the AP cyber community (internets)
- Â§ To initiate AP Group for young people
- Â§ To introduce AP to Jesuit benefactors, also to Ours in formation
- Â§ To publish AP brochures
- Â§ To develop a collaboration with CLC and Retreat House

MACAU

- Â§ To carry out further in-depth study the AP spirituality
- Â§ Writing some articles about the AP
- Â§ Promoting the AP to Ours
- Â§ Encouraging the Prayer groups, like the Blessed Sacrament devotion groups.
- Â§ Safaris in the parishes of Macau

Â§ Encouraging the 1st Friday Mass and Holy Hour

Â§ Collaborating with a magazine, having a special corner dedicated to AP Spirituality

JAPAN

Â§ To foster a deeper knowledge and interest in the AP among the Jesuits, especially among the young scholastics in formation, starting in the Novitiate

Â§ To prepare a more appealing presentation of the monthly intentions, with a direct reflexion on people's lives and ways to deepen our relationship with Jesus.

PHILIPPINES

1. Organize the remaining 10 or so dioceses in the Philippines which are still without their respective DIOCESAN COUNCILS in coordination with the ordinary of these places.
2. Scale down the printing of Intention Leaflets with commentaries due to the financial constraints of the National Office of the Apostleship of Prayer in the Philippines. If financial situation does not permit printing them, just have the INTENTIONS printed without the commentaries in a calendar form.
3. Eventually, have the dioceses print their own leaflets with their own commentaries that will take into account the situation in these places, hopefully by 2010.
4. Just have the respective dioceses work on producing the needed materials on the AP in the Philippines to cut down on costs on the part of the National Office.
5. Implement policies promulgated during the last National Convention in April, 2005 and the 2003 Assessment and Panning Seminar in Tagaytay City in Cavite Province on the ff:
 - a. recruitment of younger members
 - b. invite more male members
 - c. continue efforts to get the young
 - d. etc.
6. Get started on the INTERNET in view of the above and inform all the presidents and other officers & members of all the dioceses concerned correspondingly.