

## **A REPORT ON THE ASIAN CAMILLIAN FORMATORS' MEET**

The Asian Camillian Formators' Meet was held at CPHC, Snehadan Campus, Bangaluru, India from 2nd to 4th March, 2017. The theme of the workshop was '*Religious Formation: Relevance and its Challenges*'. The workshop was attended by 19 participants:- Fr. Felice from Taiwan Delegation, Fr. Joseph Watchara and Fr. Pham Minh Quan from the Province of Thailand, Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan and Fr. Brian from the Province of Philippines, Fr. Alfons Oles from Indonesian Delegation, Fr. Joseph Phat and Fr. Joseph Do Duc Phu from the Vietnamese Delegation, Fr. Jaison, Fr. Reji, Fr. Savary, Fr. Sunil, Fr. Binu, Fr. Sojan, Fr. Basil, Fr. Lijo and Fr. Babychan from the Province of India and Sr. Mercy and Sr. Merlin representing Daughters of St. Camillus attended the meet.

Fr. Babychan Pazhanilath, the Regional Coordinator of formation and vocation promotion in the Asian region welcomed everyone to the workshop. In his welcome address, he also read out the message of Fr. Laurent Zoungrana, the General Secretary for the Formation, in which Fr. Zoungrana urged the forum to face the challenges in the priesthood and the consecrated life with the treasure of wisdom that the experts impart. Fr. Baby Ellickal delivered the inaugural address, during which he pointed that formation is a process of self-discovery leading the person to gradual transformation. Formation involves all dimensions of human learning enabling the candidate to become another Christ.

The participants spent the rest of the first day with the presentation of the vocation promotion and formation programs in their respective provinces/delegations accompanied by active sharing and discussions.

The second day the participants had input sessions on. "*The relevance of priesthood and consecrated life*" and "*Sexual Abuse in the Church*" by Fr. George Kallampally CMF. The afternoon session was engaged on the theme: "*Religious Formation in the context of social media and communicatios* by Sr. Danis Mary FHIC. In the evening the forum discussed the possible areas of collaboration.

On third day of the Asian Formators' meet, Fr. Xavier Manavath CMF engaged the participant on the theme, "*Christian Formation in a Pluralistic World*".

At the end of the meeting the following proposals of collaboration were agreed upon.

1. Conduct the meeting of Asian formators annually and this would be also used as an occasion for the updating/renewal of the formators of the region (5-7days).
2. Propose common ongoing formation program for the perpetually professed of the Asian region.
3. Common Enews letter for Asian Region.

The Workshop concluded with the evaluation of the program and the concluding remarks from the coordinator Fr. Babychan.