

August 5, 2022

Dear Participants,

Pax et bonum!

We are approaching the Inauguration of the FABC 50 General Conference. We want to build awareness and interest for this historical event here in Asia. We want to write to you about three items; 1. *Inauguration*; 2. *Prayer for FABC 50*; 3. *Song of Asia for FABC 50*.

First: Inauguration. We will inaugurate this General Conference on August 22. This Inauguration will take place at the Shrine of Blessed Nicholas Bunkerd Kitbamrung, in Bangkok. It will begin at noon Bangkok time. This will be a live online event and it will also be available after via social media. This will be available at fabc2020.org 50 Years of the FABC | FABC2020, on the YouTube and or Facebook of Thai Catholic Media - CSCT and LiCAS News. (2) Thai Catholic Media - สื่อมวลชนคาทอลิกประเทศไทย | Facebook or Thai CatholicMedia - CSCT- - YouTube and (2) LiCAS.news | Facebook and LICAS•NEWS - YouTube.

You may join this or watch it after it is over as a way of participating.

Second: Prayer for FABC 50. We are requesting that after the August 22 inauguration, that all of our people here in Asia enter into a period of prayer for this first ever General Conference. Prayer is an essential preparation. We are sending you a copy of the prepared *Prayer for FABC 50*. We have sent it to all of the FABC Members and asked that it be used after August 22. We have encouraged translations as needed. We have encouraged prayer for the FABC 50 throughout all of Asia. This is attached.

Third: Song of Asia. We are also sending you *The Song of Asia, Bless Our God Who Walks with Us* which was written for the FABC 50 General Conference. This will include the words, musical accompaniment, the vocal score. An original video and video also made for this and a minus one version. There are files that can be downloaded at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1 E9i5tqfcHQUQBQt IxxroLGzoJSCpup?usp = sharing. We have asked that this song be disseminated so people will be familiar with it and be able to use it after August 22. The minus 1 version can be used as the music while choirs can sing it. We have asked that they make their own videos of it with a translation as subtitles if they wish. This Song will be officially launched on August 22. We have requested that it be used as often as possible after August 22.

It is our hope that the prayer and the song will help create awareness and interest and a sense of participation in an Asia wide event. Please encourage the use of these.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Yangon & President of FABC

▼ Oswald Cardinal Gracias

Archbishop of Bombay & Convener of FABC 2020