



PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE LAITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ in Asia Today

CONGRESS OF ASIAN CATHOLIC LAITY

August 31-September 5, 2010
Seoul, Korea

PROGRAM

Tuesday, August 31

Arrival

Wednesday, September 1

- 8:30 Eucharistic Celebration presided by *Card. Stanislaw Rylko*
9:30 Initial Greeting and Introduction
10:30 **CONFERENCE: Two thousand years of the Church's mission in Asia: waves of evangelization, holiness and martyrdom**
Prof. Felipe Gomes, S.I.
11:15 Break
11:45 **CONFERENCE: Jesus Christ, a gift for Asia: prerequisites, tasks and challenges of evangelizing today**
Card. Telesphore Placidus Toppo
12:30 Questions and open discussion
13:00 Lunch
15:00 **The life and mission of the Church in Asia: contributions from the delegates of various Asian countries**
16:45 Break
17:15 Continuation of the contributions from the delegates
19:30 Evening Prayer
20:00 Dinner
21:30 Welcoming reception

Thursday, September 2

- 8:30 Morning Prayer
9:00 **CONFERENCE: The vocation and mission of the lay faithful in the light of the post-synodal apostolic exhortation, *Christifideles laici***
Bishop Josef Clemens
Questions and open discussion
10:30 Break
11:00 **CONFERENCE: Christian formation and lay missionary efforts in Asia**

- Prof. Dinh Duc Dao*
- 12.00 *PANEL DISCUSSION:*
 - Christian initiation and the ongoing formation of the laity:
Archbishop Thomas Menamparampil
 - The Christian witness of the laity in different sectors of society
 (work, education, media, politics...): *Jess Estanislao*
 - Testimonies of Christian charity and the service of the poor:
Bishop Martinus Dogma Situmorang
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Open discussion
- 16:45 Break
- 17:15 *PANEL DISCUSSION:*
 - Experiences of the laity in the work of ecumenism: *Azeem Sheraz*
 - Experiences of the laity in inter-religious dialogue: *Rev. Fr. Savio Hon Tai-Fai*
 - Lay efforts in favor of the inculturation of the Gospel: *Archbishop Thomas Menamparampil*
- 18:15 Open discussion
- 19.00 Eucharistic Celebration presided by Bishop Rolando J. Tria Tirona
- 20.00 Dinner
- 21.30 Film about the life of Matteo Ricci

Friday, September 3

- 8:30 Morning Prayer
- 9:00 *CONFERENCE: Courageous witnesses of the faith*
Rev. Fr. Bernardo Cervellera, P.I.M.E.
 - Open discussion
- 10:30 *PANEL DISCUSSION: Some areas and priorities regarding the evangelization of Asia*
 -the renewal of the parish: *Rev. Fr. Damasus Uichul Jeong*
 -the mission and the pastoral care of the family: *Bishop Rolando Joven Tria Tirona*
 -the identity and mission of Catholic schools: *Guilherme Vaz*
- 11:00 Break
- 11.30 -youth evangelization and youth pastoral ministry: *Manoj Sunny*
 -the role of women in the Church and in society: *Zenaida V. Rotea*

- the participation of Catholic laity in politics and in the workplace:
Rev. Fr. Jack Trisolini
- 12.00 Remarks from the floor
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 *CONFERENCE: The new season for associations of lay faithful*
Prof. Guzmán Carriquiry
- 15:30 *PANEL DISCUSSION: Movements and new communities in the life and mission of the Church in Asia: experiences of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Couples for Christ, Focolare, Legion of Mary and Neocatechumenal Way*
- 16.45 Remarks from other movements...
- 18:00 Departure for the Shrine of the Korean Martyrs
- 19.00 Eucharistic Celebration presided by bishop Andrew Yeom Soo-jung
- 20:00 Dinner

Saturday, September 4

- 8:30 Eucharistic Celebration presided by Card. Telesphore P. Toppo
- 9:30 *CONFERENCE: Catholic laity: witnesses of hope for the good of the people of Asia*
Card. Stanisław Rylko
 - Remarks from the floor
- 11:00 Break
- 11.30 Final session
- 13.00 Lunch
- Afternoon is free for sightseeing
- 20:00 Dinner
- 21:30 Korean festive celebration

Sunday, September 5

- 10.00 Concluding Eucharistic Celebration presided by Card. Jinsuk Nicholas Cheong, with the participation of the local community.
 "Missionary sending" ceremony for the congress participants before the final blessing.

Departure