

# CONFERENCE OF ASIAN PACIFIC

## PASTORAL INSTITUTES ESTABLISHED IN MANILA

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Fr. Thomas O'Gorman of the East Asia Pastoral Institute was instrumental in bringing together for the first time 16 directors of various pastoral institutes from all over the Asian Pacific area. The meeting, which coincided with EAPI's twentieth anniversary, took place at its headquarters in Manila from May 19th to the 23rd. After five days of reports, evaluations and discussions, wherein each institute was given ample time to report on its present situation and future possibilities, the directors decided to establish the Conference of Asian Pastoral Institutes.

The main purpose of the new group will be to foster closer communications among the participating institutes, and to offer educational resources and pastoral opportunities on a much wider scale than was previously possible. CAPPI plans to exchange newsletters, reports, pastoral programmes and syllabuses on a regular basis, and EAPI's Asian Pastoral News Bulletin will begin running introductory articles on the individual institutes and their directors starting next summer. The newly formed Conference intends to meet every three years (the next meeting will be held in 1989 in Pakistan). EAPI will serve as CAPPI's centre of communication for anyone interested in learning more about the Conference. For other pastoral institutes wishing to join, the membership fee in US\$50.00, payable through EAPI.