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Subject: Invitation to Join the Network of Journalists for Synod Asia

Dear Esteemed Members of the Advisory Committee, Secretariats of Episcopal Conferences, and Office of Communication,

We wish to remind you to make known and recommend media professionals who wish to work with synod communication in Asia. Those selected will form part of the **Network of Journalists for Synod Asia.** The candidates who are selected will form the network and will be expected to work part time to report Synod-related stories and be engaged in media work through diverse and engaging media forms.

Program Overview: The Network of Journalists will receive specialized orientation and guidance to effectively report on the Synod from their respective countries. The content they are expected to create include reports, features, interviews, social media content, short videos, artwork, and testimonies. These will be put up on the website Synod2023.org, which will provide insights and perspectives on the Synod from Asia.

Who Can Apply? those who are passionate about media and possess proficiency in written English. They can be media professionals, media students, young priests, or religious with media skills.

Training and Engagement: Selected participants will undergo a comprehensive online training during September, focusing on the essentials of Synod reporting. This training will equip them with the tools and knowledge needed to effectively cover the Synod event, scheduled for October. Their responsibilities will encompass interviews with participants from their respective countries, translating content into their native languages wherever possible, and actively contributing to the Synod's mission. Selected persons will be paid honorarium for the work they will do.

Recognition and Advancement: The participants who demonstrate exceptional dedication will be given the opportunity to attend an advanced workshop and face-to-face meeting in Thailand at the beginning of 2024. This workshop aims to further hone their journalistic abilities and expand their network, contributing to their personal and professional growth.

How to Apply: To participate in this enriching journey, kindly fill out the [Network of Journalists Application Form](https://forms.gle/SPZPPuhVcKvk7xuf7). We encourage you to share this opportunity with potential candidates within your network.

For inquiries and clarifications, contact: <u>asiasynod@gmail.com</u>.

Join us in spreading the transformative spirit of the Synod across Asia, and let's create a wave of impactful communication together.

Warm regards,

Fr. George Plathottam SDB Executive Secretary FABC Office of Social Communication (FABC OSC) August 10, 2023