APIPC News Flash No. 100

This is the Asia Pacific Inter-Provincial Commission’s 100th issue of its news bulletin. The first NEWS FLASH went out in May 2009. It informed readers that the General Curia’s DVD “The Changing Face of the Order” was available with captions in three Asian languages: Korean, Malayalam and Vietnamese. Since then 98 other issues have reported on important events and developments of the Order in various parts of the world—but especially in the Asia Pacific Region.

The Prior General, Brother Donatus Forkan, has sent the following message in connection with this numerical ‘anniversary’:

"On the occasion of the publication of the 100th issue of the APIPC NEWS FLASH, I wish to offer my sincere congratulations and thanks to Brother Brian O'Donnell who has kept this instant method of communication going since its inception.

I wish also to acknowledge and thank all those who have kept sending information and photographs to Brother Brian from around the region for a NEWS FLASH. Thirdly, on this, the Year of the Family of Saint John of God, may I take the opportunity to send my warmest greetings and prayerful good wishes to all the members of our great family spread across the Asia Pacific Region.

The work you do and the witness you give to what is at the heart of who we are as followers of Saint John of God gives life, support, hope and direction to thousands of poor, sick and needy people each day. In this regard it is good to keep in mind the words of Saint John of God himself: what you do is recorded in the Book of Life. In my opinion this is what really matters in the end – thank you”.

(See 2nd Letter to the Duchess of Sessa)