Introduction: The Office of Human Development of the FABC has a special charism and mandate to offer its services to the Church in Asia to become the Church of the poor. This is done by the OHD through the ministries of Animation, Coordination and dissemination. The following is a short report of the activities undertaken by the OHD in the past one year, 2011.

1. Preparatory activities for the three year term:

   1.1. Consultations: a series of Consultations were held with Chairman, resource persons and other experts on the three years (2011-2013) programmes of OHD. These were held in Manila, Mumbai and Chennai. This is a continuation of the meeting held in Bangkok in Oct 2010. These consultations have enabled to draw up the plan of action for three years and the programmes were carried out as per the plans.

   1.2. Project and Budget preparations for 3 years were prepared and sent to the Chairman and to OHD office. This was sent to different agencies from OHD office in Manila for their support. It was a collective appeal to the agencies for Animation, coordination and dissemination leading to implementation.

2. Coordination and Collaboration with Faith Based Organisations

In keeping with the rich tradition of the OHD and in continuation of the OHD’s collaboration with the church Based Organisations the secretary and the Chairman revived the contacts with some Church Based Organisations in Asia and involved them for the meetings.

2.1. ICMC Asia networking – International Catholic Migration Commission: The Secretary General of ICMC from Geneva had a consultation with the OHD Secretary and the Chairman in Rome, in May, 2011 regarding the ways and means to address the migrants issue in Asia. The OHD also involved in the Asia level animation by becoming part of the Asia Working Group - AWG on Migrants issues.

2.2. CCI – Cardijn Community International for its General assembly invited OHD 23-24 July, 2011. The CCI also were involved in the AISA –VIII programme in addressing the concerns of the marginalised through See, Judge and Act strategy.

2.3. ACPP – Asian Centre for Progress of Peoples has its regular updates to OHD of its activities on issues concerning Justice and Peace initiatives. ACPP delegation continues to be part of the AISA programmes as before especially through social advocacy.

2.4. PCI-AP – Pax Christi International continues to propagate the undertakings of OHD on the concerns of the marginalised. The special focus on conflict and peace initiatives in Asia level is enriched with the collaboration of PCI-AP network.

2.5. WTI : Woori Theological Institute of Seoul, Korea with its network of Asian theologians towards Theo-praxis in reference to peace issues helped OHD to involve its strength in our programmes. The
WTI in collaboration with the Korean Catholic Bishops Conference organised a special Conference on Peace in Seoul and the Chairman presented a paper in it on Peace building in Asian context.

2.6. **FIAP** – Franciscans International Asia Pacific – is a strong collaborator of OHD in taking the issues of Migrants and Indigenous peoples and other Human Rights Violations through the UN Mechanisms. The Bangkok Office of FIAP continues to supports OHD with the UN networks concerning Peace and Human Rights in Asian Context. The OHD Secretary also helped FIAP for the Universal Periodic Report (UPR) in Asian Countries consultations in different centres.

2.7. **CCA** – The Christian Conference of Asia with its office of International Affairs, Justice and Peace, continues to share its activities with the OHD. In Keeping with the joint action plans worked out during the meeting held between FABC and CCA in January 2010, the OHD office and Justice office of CCA regularly share their action plans and also participate in some meetings related to Human Rights, Peace and Integrity of Creations.

3. **Animation – Meetings and Conferences Organised by the OHD**

3.1. **AISA-VIII**: The main focus was on the Church’s response to the issues of Migrants and Indigenous peoples. This was held in Pattaya from 26-29 July, 2011: The actual days of the meeting on 27-28 July. Around 40 Delegates participated. The input sessions and country reports were followed by action plans for each country/Conference.

3.2. **BISA-VIII preparations**: In response to the growing interest on BISA series, this programme of OHD was revived after a gap of 25 years. BISA-VIII was all set in every way fully prepared for 4-11, November, 2011. But due to the unexpected floods in Bangkok, this was forced to be shifted to Jan, 17-25, 2012.

3.3. **SARC: South Asia Regional Consultation**: The South Asian Symposium on CST with a special focus to *Mater et Magistra* and *Caritas in Veritatem*: This was held in October 14-16, in Mumbai, 2011. There were nearly 540 Delegates. This was organised by OHD in collaboration with the Theological Commission of the Catholic Conference of Bishops of India (Latin Rite). Lot of laity together with several Bishops, Priests and Religious participated in this symposium. The Apostolic Nuncio of India, Cardinal Oswald Gracias the President of CBCI, Archbishop Charles Bo, Chairman of OHD and several Bishops were part of SARC programme.

4. **OHD Publications**: The OHD has taken up the following publications for the year 2011. Due to the possibility of reducing the cost, in consultation with the Chairman and the donors, the publications work are carried out in India. The materials are under completion and are to be dispatched together to reduce postage cost. The following are the publication works of OHD in 2011.

4.1. **AISA-VIII**: CD with articles and powerpoints on *The Church’s Responses to the issues of Migrants and Indigenous Peoples*

4.2. **AISA-VIII: Booklet** – containing special outline for the trainers and grass roots coordinators on the issues of Migrants and IPs

4.3. **AISA Documents in the website** : The AISA documents, powerpoints and video clippings were prepared for easy access through the internet. Since the staff that upload the materials use another version, the process is still pending.

4.4. **INFO – Journal** – in response to the proposal made at the FABC General Secretary in January, 2011, the presentation of INFO will be from newspaper model to a booklet so that this could be preserved in the library. The INFO on AISA-VIII materials are already in the press and they will be posted together with the CD with booklets to reduce the postal fee.
4.5. **HTML format in the website:** The AISA – VIII materials are presented also in the website so that anyone can have access to these within the FABC website. Since the format followed in FABC website is different, there is delay in uploading this. This will be available soon in the internet. In the same way, the BISA –VIII and future programme outcome materials also will be available in the website.

4.6. **BISA-I-VII in the website:** The OHD Secretary is negotiating to upload the BISA I-VII series in the website for the use of all people. The materials are being prepared by the OHD staff Ms. Tess and we hope that they will be available in the website soon.

4.7. **DVD on Climate Change and Global Warming:** At the request of the FABC Central secretariat, the OHD secretary collected valuable materials in a DVD in view of the Joint Conference held by FABC and Misereor on Climate Change and Global warming held on 19-20 October, 2011. The collected articles, powerpoints, Video Clips and documentary together with a collection of websites related to this theme were presented in a DVD format.

5. **Other Contributions of OHD Chairman and Secretary:**

5.1. **International contributions:**

- **OHD-ICMC network, Bangkok:** In response to the growing challenges of Migrants, Abp. Charles Bo participated in the Asian Working Group meeting of ICMC-OHD collaborative response.
- **Talk in South Korea:** Abp. Charles Bo presented a paper on *Peace Building as an entitlement* of the people, at the conference organised by Woori Theological Institute, Seoul, South Korea.
- **Talks at the South Asian Symposium:** Abp. Charles Bo presided over the South Asian Symposium on the Catholic Social Teaching, held in Mumbai in October, 14-16, 2011. Besides his key note address and the concluding message, he also presided over the sessions in the symposium.
- **Arms Trade Treaty (ATT):** Fr. Nithiya, the OHD secretary continues to lobby with the UN Ambassadors during the Disarmament committee meetings at the United Nations to opt for ATT in view of transparency and accountability of the countries besides being the stepping stones for Peace in concrete.
- **Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance:** As a member of the International Board of Directors of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA), the secretary campaigns for the Ecumenical advocacy for Food and HIV/AIDS victims
- **50th Anniversary of Mater et Magistra, Vatican:** Abp. Charles Bo and the OHD Secretary participated in the 50th Anniversary of Mater Et Magistra in Rome. The Secretary presented a *Case study* on a successful model of responding to the challenges of the poor in Asia through the Right to Food Campaign, in the international Conference organised by Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in Rome in May, 2011.

5.2. **National level Contributions:**

- **Animation to the Religious and NGOs:** The secretary is also involved in giving animation programmes to the Religious Congregations on Socio-spirituality, Human Rights, Motivation sessions etc. He also gives sessions to NGOs and formation centres on Rights Based Approach to Development, MDGs. Peace and Non-violence etc.
- **Right to Food campaign** is animated among the NGOs, CBOs in different states and several trainings programmes were conducted in view of social advocacy among the poor and the marginalized to claim their Rights.
- **Recognition from the Government:** As a result of the RTF Campaign and trainings given in various states, four trainees trained by the secretary are officially appointed by the Government to monitor on the realisation of the entitlements of the people.
5.3. **Local Ministries:** In response to the special entitlements schemes announced by the local Government, Fr. Nithiya has begun to focus on the poorest of the poor to empower them to get their Rights from the Government through their monthly entitlements to the following people Below Poverty Line:

- *The Widows*
- *The Physically /mentally challenged*
- *The elderly besides*
- *Women deserted by their husbands*
- *Spinsters above 50 Years old.*

He has negotiated with Govt. Officials and has begun the process. This will ensure them a steady flow of economic support from the government for their maintenance.

6. **Future programmes of OHD in 2012**

- **BISA-VIII, Bangkok, Thailand 18-24, Jan 2012:** This is the programme postponed from November, 2011 due to the floods in Bangkok.
- **South East Asia Regional Meeting – Myanmar (IPs and Migrants) March 10-12, 2012**
- **AISA – IX: Church’s Response to Climate Change and Global Warming July Last week – Time and venue yet to be finalised.**
- **BISA-IX – Vatican II in Asia – Golden Jubilee Celebrations ( Sep, 2012 – yet to be confirmed)**

7. **In Gratitude:**

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