



## Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church

### Asian and Pacific Island Affairs

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Dear Friend in Ministry,

On behalf of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church and the Asian and Pacific Island Ad Hoc Team, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us on **Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 3-5 pm EDT**, for the *Asian and Pacific Island Virtual Gathering for Ministries with Young People*.

The Asian and Pacific Island (API) event will connect young adults and ministry leaders “to explore key issues and perspectives from their unique cultural and faith experiences and realities.” The hope is for participants to begin “to identify recommendations and concrete steps to further the Church’s engagement with young people.”

The API event is part of the *Journeying Together* year-long process with online conversations within and among cultural communities that was launched last July 25<sup>th</sup> and will culminate in an in-person gathering in 2021 at a yet- to- be-determined date. *Journeying Together* is inspired by the Synod of Bishops on Young People and by Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation [\*Christus Vivit\*](#),

I am happy to share that in addition to Bishop Oscar A. Solis, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs, other bishops will join us on September 12.

Whether you are a young adult leader, parish leader, diocesan staff, clergy, religious, representative of an API Catholic group/movement, or simply someone who has shown a special care and concern for ministries with young people, we are eager to hear from you as we listen to other’s stories, and in the process we can learn from and be enriched by one another’s experiences.

**To register for the September 12 event, please click [HERE](#).** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. Registration will close on August 28.

If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to [scapa@usccb.org](mailto:scapa@usccb.org)

Thank you. May the Lord bless you and keep you safe during these difficult times.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

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