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### **1. Message from the International President**

Advent is our time for quiet reflection and spiritual preparation for the coming of the birth of our Savior. I pray that during the busy Christmas season you all are taking time for quiet meditation and...  
“Let every heart prepare Him room”.



During the quiet of the night while the birth of our Savior occurs in the little town of Bethlehem a bright star guides three wise men as angels guide simple shepherds to this tiny newborn baby lying in a manger. Just as the three wise men come bearing gifts for the new born King, may we all bring Christ the King our gifts from CICIAMS. Our gifts of published Statutes and Standing Orders, the progression of our next World Congress in Croatia, the successful Asian Regional Conference in Singapore, the successful Catholic Nurses Guild of India’s Conference, the tremendous growth in membership in the National Association of Catholic Nurses, USA, Representation at WHO and the UN NGO/DPI and each and every individual national, local and individual productive action which brings glory to the name of God.

May all of you and your families be blessed with love, joy, peace and glowing health during this holy season and through out the New Year.

God bless,

Marylee J. Meehan  
International President of CICIAMS

### **2. Message from Rev. Father J. Joblin**

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to write a farewell letter to the members of CICIAMS after more that twenty years of collaboration with them in this organization of so much great importance.

I wish first of all to thank the members I have known of the Executive Board and the members of the National Boards I met for their cooperation and to tell them how much

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I have appreciated their dedication and self-sacrifice in the service of the association and its activities. A special mention must be made of the national and local chaplains, priests and sisters, who, despite their pastoral obligations, have offered a valuable spiritual inspiration to the guilds.

The experience I have had, especially during the regional and international congresses, has reinforced in me the conviction of the importance of the guilds created at the initiative of Catholic professionals wishing to act as Christians in carrying out their professional activities; in doing so, they give the example of a Christian life and are contributing to the creation of an ethical spirit which may animate society; day after day, they are sculpting in action the Church's teaching within the texture of reality for which they are responsible.

A second impression I wish to share with you in this letter concerns the importance of regionalisation within an international organization. CICIAMS was created almost 70 years ago in Lourdes (1933) by a group of European nurses. The world has changed since that time; it is now building a community of equal people coming from various cultural backgrounds. One of the first to have understood this transformation has been Richard Lai, from Malaysia, who has twice be chairman of CICIAMS. Thanks to him many guilds have been created while others have been encouraged to develop. This example will have to be followed if you wish CICIAMS to face the challenges of the future positively and with confidence. I am sure this will take place; it will, of course, have to be done in a Christian manner, combining together effectiveness and sacrifice.

With my best wishes for yourself, Asian guilds an the whole CICIAMS,

J. Joblin sj



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### 3. News from the Regions



#### a. 19th National Convention India.

Sr. Anne John RJM is retiring after 27 years of service in the 19th National Convention on the 7th of December this year, and we welcome her successor Sr. Elenore. She look forward to new ideas to come in, under the leadership of Fr. Tomy the new CNGI National advisor and that CNGI will continue to grow.

#### b. Papal Visit 18 Sept 2010, Hyde Park England

Janet Muchengwa (current President of ACN) and myself (Jacqui), we were attending the celebration of the Pope's visit to Hyde Park in London, where we had a glorious day. The papal visit was from 16-19 September 2010 and was a truly remarkable celebration. For Janet and I the day started on Saturday 18 September 2010 with a Youth Mass at Westminster Cathedral which was a most joyous occasion. Later Janet and I made our way to Hyde Park where Pope Benedict XVI celebrated a Vigil event in the early evening. We arrived in Hyde Park at lunchtime to ensure we had a seat and enjoyed a full day of entertainment, prayer and praise. The Pope went to Birmingham the following day to beatify Cardinal Neuman.

#### c. Notes from Two of speakers

(1) *Sr Elizabeth Lim, RGS, Singapore*

SPIRITUALITY in the NURSING PROFESSION[ Standing on Holy Ground ]

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## LIFE OUTSIDE THE WOMB BEGINS.....

Even in death the Spirit lives on...

### WHO ARE NURSES?

How did it all begin...

Where did it all begin

and why ???

What is it to nurse and to care?

### NURSING...

- Various forms of nursing in every culture
- Wet Nurse and Dry Nurse
- “mothers” as first care givers
- Developed in 15th Century into idea of looking after/ advising another: “nourishing” in broadest sense which is to promote the quality of life
- Originally “nuns” and “military” provided nurse-like services
- 17th century. . . considered a low job
- 18th century. . . with Florence Nightingale... respectable profession
- 19th century, Agnes E Jones & Linda Richards established Quality Nursing Schools in the USA and Japan
- 20th century. . . New Zealand regulated nurses nationally: adoption of the Nurses Registration Act on 12 Sep 1901 and N Carolina in USA passed a nursing licensure law in 1903
- 21st century. . . Today in the practice of nursing there emerges a clear need, not only for the theory and training in clinical skills... BUT...
  - for the inevitable and essential need to attend to the
    1. emotional needs
    2. psychological needs
    3. social needs integrating all these with the individual’s unconscious spiritual needs

### SPIRITUALITY and NURSING

- Historically and inextricably interwoven
- Spiritual nursing is provided for EVERYONE, irrespective of age, religion and

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culture

- Spiritual nursing includes whatever gives meaning, worth and value to the mind and body, effecting and affecting the healing process!
- Every human / patient has a “spirit-ual” nature waiting to be touched by the “nurse”, “friend,” “companion”

### SPIRITUALITY IN NURSING PROFESSION

Nurses are becoming more

- aware of patients’ spiritual needs
- conscious of the need to embrace a more holistic view of life
- open to recognizing “patients” as persons to be appreciated with dignity
- alert to listening, respecting and valuing each patient!

### SPIRITUALITY

- an integral component of healing
- is at the heart of our well-being
- is a life force

giving HOPE

promoting HEALING

involving FAMILY and FRIENDS

tending to FULLNESS OF LOVE, and MEANINGFUL LIFE

### RELIGION

- Separate from “spirituality” yet related!
- A set of beliefs and traditional practices involving rituals
- An expression of spiritual belief: a framework of rituals, codes and practices
- A sense of the “otherness” or power of a supreme being
- nurses realize people with near-death experiences do become more “spiritual”

### CONCEPT OF SPIRITUALITY IN NURSES

- nurses have spent many hours holding a dying patient’s hand, re-assuring he/she will not die alone

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- nurses' mode of "being with" has a positive effect on the healing process

#### POSSIBLE REASONS

- Nurses have the assumption this domain should be dealt with by pastoral workers: that "spirituality=religion!"
- Constraints of time hinder nurses "being with" the person / patient to give holism
- Most nurses feel inadequately equipped in their training to attend to this

Other possible reasons:

- We may have been taught that 'spiritual things' are a private matter
- We may be afraid that our own spiritual values may be challenged
- We may never come to grips with spiritual values in our own life. So why hold back in offering spiritual care?

#### SPIRITUAL CARE

is both effective and affective

- reduces the demand for pain medication
- shortens hospital stays
- eases conflict situations
- narrows the gap between hospital experience and the rest of person's life
- raises levels of physical and mental well-being

#### JESUS, COMPASSIONATE HEALER

##### BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES

How does Jesus Christ bring healing to the sick?

How are respect, dignity and sanctity of all human life to be practiced in health care?

Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him...asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Sir" he replied "let me see again" Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight. Your faith has saved you." [Luke 18:35-43]

Jesus heals the blind man Luke 4: 38-39

...Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever... Leaning over her he rebuked the fever and she immediately got up and began to wait on them Jesus was in one of the towns when a man appeared, covered with leprosy. Seeing Jesus he fell on his face and implored him, "Sir if you want to, you can cure me" Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him and said, "Of course I want to! Be cured!"

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Luke 5: 12-14

Luke 8: 49-56

But taking her by the hand he called to her, ' Child, get up'. And her spirit returned and she got up at once. Then he told them to give her something to eat.

Luke 13: 10-13

A woman was there who for 18 years had been possessed by a spirit that left her enfeebled; she was bent double and quite unable to stand upright.. Jesus called her over...laid His hands on her. At once she...Care givers are invited to be the Hope and Courage of the unwell

Spiritual Care enriches both

- the one in need of care
- the one who provides care?

HOW CAN WE BE WITH THEM?

- Build a trusting relationship
- Allow person to experience our caring, gentleness, honesty and love
- Provide an environment of safety
- Slip into person's aura of energy
- Enhance person's capacity to "let go", surrendering to the healing process

SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL CARE MODES

- "BEING WITH" Presence
- USE OF OUR FIVE SENSES:

to listen

to see with respect and to nurture

to touch

to communicate and be within prayer

to let them taste the music within

LISTENING TO THEIR STORIES

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ASSURANCE AND HOPE  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE  
QUALITY TIME  
CARING CONVERSATIONS  
HEALING POWER OF TOUCH  
“ TOUCH” as a sacrament  
TENDER TOUCH OF LOVE

HOW I WISH YOU WOULD TOUCH ME      Beth Staas

The blanket is warm and the rocker don't squeak; Your visits are welcome, you're here twice a week. You greet me with kisses on forehead and cheek. But why don't you touch me?

I know I need help for to keep myself clean; Escorted to bathroom, the hairdresser seen; My meals on a tray, and with nursing between. But why don't you touch me?

I once was a girl, child of pleasure and fun. I once was well loved, happily married to one Who would kiss and hug and caress me undone. I loved when he touched me.

I know that you're busy with lots to do and see. But I've feelings within that don't happen to be A bit different than those always in me. How I wish you would touch me.

WHAT “TOUCH” DOES

- allow the experience of person being “treasured” loved and cared through loving nurturing touch
- give complete attention
- minister to your self as a carer!
- bring up feelings and emotions which need to be looked at

YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT  
WE ARE ALWAYS HERE JUST FOR YOU!

The Nursing Profession stands on  
Holy Ground  
Nursing exists in the aura of love and life  
Spirit is the breath of life in all things

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Spirituality in the nursing profession is the very ground of “Being” and “Being-ness”

*(2) REVISITING FEMININITY IN THE CARING ROLE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS*

Filomena YIP-CHOW RN PhD  
Secretary General  
Macao Catholic Family Advisory Council

\*Prevalence of contemporary culture eroding our society

THE CURRENT SITUATION IN HEALTH CARE

Medical technology bringing in a lot of ethical issues into health care:

Right to birth choices: abortion and contraception

Right to life choices: euthanasia

\*Tempering with life and creation: genetic engineering and cloning, embryo experimentations

Are we, as, health care professionals, aware of them?

Benedict XVI is calling for a type of health care reform that brings medical professionals to lovingly focus on patients as persons in all their integrity.

The Holy Father encouraged the health care providers to "lovingly serve the sick in their bodies, their souls and their spirits."

(World Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, 23rd World Congress, Lourdes, 12-15/5/2010)

OUR CHALLENGE

THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION'S "EDUCATING NURSES: A CALL FOR RADICAL TRANSFORMATION"

Providing a More Rigorous Education

Improve the integration of classroom learning into clinical practice.

Broaden students' modes of thinking.

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Ethical standards

Professional identity

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[New\\_Study\\_Proposes\\_Sweeping\\_Overhaul\\_of\\_Nursing\\_Education.html](#)

### PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY

A call to the understanding of who we are and what we are.

### WHAT IS NURSING? WHAT IS A NURSE?

International Council of Nurses: "Nursing encompasses autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well and in all settings..."

A nurse is a highly skilled health care professional who combines the art of caring with scientific knowledge and skills developed through their education and career.

IN THE CORE OF NURSING/A NURSE, THERE IS "CARE"

### ESSENCE OF CARE

concern and consideration for the whole person,

commitment to the common good,

outreach to those who are vulnerable

person-centered approach,

ability to understand the needs of others

(From The National League for Nursing)

### ARE THESE QUALITIES NOT THE INNATE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE FEMALE?

Interview With Director of Newman Institute (Zenit 31/08/2010)

College life can be such a testing ground --a time either for students to grow in their faith, or possibly to abandon it altogether.

Unfortunately, college life reflects the standard of our contemporary culture, with all of its lures of self-indulgence found in consumerism, individualism and hedonism. The work of the Church is to provide a counter-culture.

The standard of Christ contradicts these influences, challenging the faithful to embrace

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charity, community and self-control.

### NURSING CURRICULUM

The nursing curriculum is no exception to this norm

There has been an introduction of a feministic approach in the higher education setting, with the ideal of giving more “rights to the female”

FEMINISM = FEMININITY?

### FEMINISM

Aims to understand gender inequality and focuses on gender politics, power relations, and sexuality.

Focuses on the promotion of women's rights and interests.

Themes explored in feminist theory include discrimination, stereotyping, objectification (especially sexual objectification), oppression, and patriarchy.

<<FIGHT FOR EQUAL PAR WITH MAN>>

### FEMININITY

Femininity refers to female qualities attributed specifically to women and girls.

Often associated with life-giving and nurturing qualities of motherhood, birth, intuition, creativity.

There is a general misunderstanding that femininity means weakness, apathy, relinquishing one's right.

BUT WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY?

HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL IIST MARY'S CATHEDRAL,  
SYDNEY TTHURSDAY, 19 JANUARY 1995

Among the pressing issues facing the People of God in Australia there is the need for an understanding of the dignity and mission of women, in the family, in society and in the Church, which is faithful to "the truth of the Gospel"

(Gal. 2: 14).

HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL IIST MARY'S CATHEDRAL,  
SYDNEY THURSDAY, 19 JANUARY 1995

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It must be clear that the Church stands firmly against every form of discrimination which in any way compromises the equal dignity of women and men.

The complete equality of persons is however accompanied by a marvelous complementarity.

This complementarity concerns not only the roles of men and women but also, and more deeply, their make-up and meaning as persons (Cf. John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici*, 50).

For that reason I am convinced that a mistaken anthropology is at the root of the failure of society to understand Church teaching on the true role of women.

That role is in no way diminished but is in fact enhanced by being related in a special way to motherhood –the source of new life –both physical and spiritual.

The Church therefore faces the challenge of finding fresh and creative ways of recognizing and integrating the specific charisma of women, which are essential to building up the Body of Christ in unity and love.

Women who seek a true Christian concept of femininity can look to the free and active role assumed by Mary of Nazareth, the Virgin-Mother of the Lord.

In her, all women can discover "the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement" (John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 46). 22

**THIRD WORLD MEETING OF THE HOLY FATHER WITH FAMILIES –JUBILEE OF FAMILIES(VATICAN, OCTOBER 11-13, 2000)CHILDREN: SPRINGTIME OF THE FAMILY AND SOCIETY**

the new feminism asks for recognition of women's own importance in society.

"The personal resources of femininity are certainly no less than the resources of masculinity: they are merely different.

Hence a woman, as well as a man, must understand her 'fulfillment' as a person, her dignity and vocation, ...according to the riches of femininity which she received on the day of creation ...[in the]'image and likeness of God' that is specifically hers".

**LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II TO MRS. GERTRUDE MONGELLASECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN OF THE UNITED NATIONS 26 MAY 1995.**

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As most women themselves point out, equality of dignity does not mean "sameness with men". This would only impoverish women and all of society, by deforming or losing the unique richness and the inherent value of femininity.

OUR SOLUTION:

LEARNING FROM MARY

Mary as a mother

Mary as a nurturer

Mary as a carer

Mary as an advocate

Mary as an intercessor

Mary as a disciple

Mary as a woman of faith

Mary as one dignified and glorified by God 26

MARY: OUR MOTHER

Mary encompasses qualities that are generally referred to as "nurturing"

These qualities include patience, caring, healing, serving, comforting, consoling and sympathizing.

Mary as a Mother focuses on individual needs and qualities and makes the object of her attention feel special.

"We are probably not called to martyrdom, but none of us is excluded from the divine call to holiness... All of us, especially in our time in which egoism and individualism seem to prevail, must assume as a first and fundamental commitment that of growing every day in greater love of God and of neighbor to transform our lives and thus also to transform the world... let us ask the Lord to inflame our hearts to be able to love as he has loved each one of us."

(Benedict XVI, Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, General Wednesday Audience at the summer papal residence in Castel Gandolfo)

People listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and when people do listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.

It is therefore primarily by the conduct, that the Church [and its people] will evangelize the world.—

POPE PAUL VI, *Evangelization in the Modern World*, n. 41

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EVANGELIZATION, THE ENDURING MISSION OF THE CHURCH,  
IS A WITNESS IN AND OF THE FAITH IN CHRIST.

What happens when faith is not the source of evangelization?

WITHOUT FAITH, EVANGELIZATION AND ITS COMPONENTS OF SOCIAL  
TRANSFORMATION ARE REDUCED TO A MERE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT,  
WHICH MAY BE GOOD IN ITS INTENTION AND CONTENT, BUT WHICH  
DOES NOT FULLY QUALIFY AS CHRISTIAN EVANGELIZATION [WORK].  
(BISHOP TAGLE, BILA II, TAIWAN, 5/5/10)

A time for re-examination of what we teach...

O Mary conceived without sin,

Pray for us who have recourse to Thee!!

MAY THE LORD BLESS AND GUIDE US; AND

ALL THOSE WHO SEEK HIM...

In the company of Mary

d. [Report to CICIAMS from JCNA for 2010 Singapore Gathering](#)

by [Sister Bernadetta R. Sawa, FMM JCNA \(Japanese Catholic Nurses Association\)](#)

**Introduction**

**Hello everyone. I am very happy to be here at the 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference of CICIAMS in beautiful Singapore and to share with you some information about Japan and the work of JCNA (Japanese Catholic Nurses Association).**

**1. Situation of the Catholicism in Japan**

**The number of Japanese Catholics is about 400,000 in a total population of 128 million people. Actually, there are also about 500,000 foreign Catholics living in Japan besides the number of Japanese Catholics but most of them go to Masses conducted in their own languages, like English, Korean, Spanish or Portuguese. However, because of the recent world-wide economic crisis many foreigners have lost their jobs and have returned to their home countries. Japanese Catholics represent a very small percentage of the total population of Japan, only**



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about 0.3%. The Japanese Catholic Church has 16 dioceses.

## 2. Ministries of the Japanese Catholic Church

The types of ministry that the Japanese Church is involved with includes: parish work, education, health care, publishing, etc. Many of these works are carried on by the large number of Religious Orders in Japan. Sadly however, at the present time there is decrease in vocations to the Japanese Religious Orders. Therefore, as Japan society has progressed and changed over time many of the traditional works of evangelization carried out by the Religious Orders must be reconsidered and reevaluated for their effectiveness to today's generation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



St. Mary's Hospital in Tokyo

## 3. JCNA History and Purpose

The Japanese Catholic Nurses Association (JCNA) began in 1957 following its approval by Pope Pius XII to the bishops of Japan. Since that time, membership has been open to all Catholic nurses, midwives, and public health nurses in Japan. At the same time JCNA joined into ICCN and CICIAMS. The purpose of JCNA is to enlighten the lives of all



Pope Pius XII

peoples in Japan and throughout the world through the specialist health care ministries of nurses as a way of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## 4. Activities of JCNA in Japanese Society

Presently there are 14 Branches of JCNA throughout Japan comprised of about 250 members. The leaders of the local chapters organize Bible Studies, retreats, home-visiting, family counseling and they organize charitable activities like bazaars for assisting with international relief efforts. Also, each year JCNA holds an annual members meeting concentrating upon a special theme. The members from around the country come together to discuss issues relevant to nurses and in particular we discuss the spiritual aspects relevant to our mission as Catholic nurses such as, our relationship with physicians and our relationship with the local Catholic Church. Also, at the annual convention a special lecture connected to the theme is arranged to educate and encourage the members in their ministries.



JCNA annual meeting



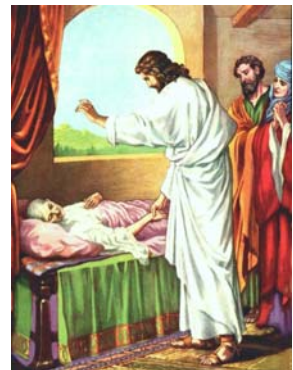
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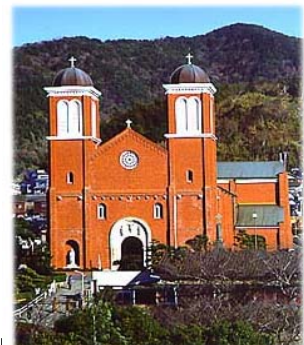
**5. Recent Meeting of JCNA:**

1.) The 50<sup>th</sup> JCNA Meeting was held in the city of Osaka between September 26-27, 2008. Now in Japan, the number of sick people, chronically ill people, newly made poor and homeless are increasing presenting new challenges to JCNA. Our response to these new health dilemmas is to make ourselves well informed of the local reality through good interpersonal communication to our membership and in various ways from our respective worksites respond to these new societal needs by presence to these people and sharing with them our respect for life and joy of living. Particularly at our national meetings each Branch discusses their efforts at dealing with these new health problems in Japanese Society. In Japan nowadays, the pace of change due to technological advancements and environmental changes are tiring people out. Families are facing many difficulties because of the cost of living and the quickening pace of life are negatively affecting interpersonal communications, especially between family members; the quality of communication in families has deteriorated. Nurses in Japan in 2010 are now challenged to daily face new problems from their patients, both in terms of physical problems in their bodies and spiritual problems in their psyche and spirits.

2.) On July 7, 2007 there was a historic meeting of three Catholic professional health care associations: the Japanese Catholic Medical Association (JCMA); the Japanese Catholic Health Care Facilities Association (JHCFA); and the Japanese Catholic Nurses Association (JCNA). This was the second meeting of these three inter-related groups. This eclectic group of Japanese professionals met together in a spirit of cooperation to share information and knowledge towards improving patient care practices as a means of spreading the love of Jesus Christ for all people in Japan. At this most recent meeting it was decided to form a new Catholic professional organization made-up of these 3 groups and it the “Japanese Catholic Medical Communication Association (JCMCA).” The goal of the new group will be to promote and make known throughout Japan, the Catholic way of thinking in different areas of medical care. The Japanese Bishop’s Conference in 2008 gave approval to establishing the new group. Last year between October 23-24, 2009 the first national convention of JCNCA was held in Nagasaki, and the theme was: “Medical Care Serving People.” It was inspired by the passage from the Gospel of St. Mark: “The Son of Man did not come to be



Jesus healing



Mass after JUNA meeting

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served, but to serve” (Chapter 10 Verse 45). More than 350 members participated from all our places in Japan. Living and practicing as professionals in health care requires faithfulness to the Word of God in the Bible in treating and caring for the sick and poor. The meeting renewed our common mission and sense of determination to be models of Christ and stay at the side of people needing help by loving them and serving them. It was a grace filled gathering of the Catholic health care workers in Japan.

- 3.) The JCNA National Meeting of JCNA will be held between October 28-29, 2010 the theme of this coming year's national JCNA meeting will again be: “Nursing and Medical Care Serving People – Not to be Served, but To Serve.” JCNA members strive to cultivate ourselves through an active life of faith nourished by prayer and reading spiritual materials to be nurses following after our Lord Jesus Christ's model of service to mankind sharing our love through our nursing service to the sick entrusted to our care.

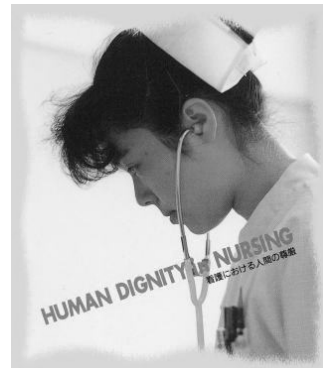
### Conclusion

Nursing presence to all people requires continued improvement of our knowledge and skills as nurses in order to promote the advancement of caring services to the people entrusted to our care. We Catholic nurses always consider as our spiritual foundation the Gospels of Jesus Christ and incarnate their values into our daily practice as nurses to bring love and light to the bedsides of our patients and to encourage one another spiritually as nurses.

In closing I pray that God's blessing may be upon each and everyone of you members so that you may live in happiness and in peace, and that all the works of your hands might bring the love and compassion of Jesus Christ to the patients of CICIAMS' nurses. I thank all the 10<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional Conference of CICIAMS 2010 organizing committee members. May God bless you all especially for your great efforts to bring together the Catholic nurses of Asia.



Thank you very much.



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Message from Ireland



*NATIONAL PRESIDENTS ADDRESS* Brede Murphy

Good afternoon everyone. As President of the Guild I am delighted to have the opportunity to address you and to thank you for being here today. I hope you enjoyed Sr. Margret's presentation this morning. It is certainly a very topical subject and will give us a lot of food for thought. Since our last A.G.M., we have had a fairly busy year. We have had 3 executive meetings in Bon Secours Hospital Dublin. They were well attended and lively. Sr John Marie & the Bon Secour community are due our sincere thanks for the use of their board room for providing lunch at each meeting. Good wishes & prayers are sent to Sr. John Marie on her recent illness and hope she is doing well now. In September 2009 we had an e-mail from The catholic nurses Association in Spain, asking for our prayers and support in their Pro-Life march on 17th October 2009. This was in response to a proposed new law on abortion which was being voted on by the Spanish Parliament. An e-mail was returned from us in early October indicating our support, by keeping them in our thoughts and prayers and wishing them every success. We had the launch of the Annual Social Calendar on 29th October 2009 in Dublin . You will hear more about this from Pat Boyle. We are indebted to Pat, Eileen and the members of the Social Committee for their commitment and hard work. We had a request from the Dublin Diocese for an update of National Officers for Dublin Diocesan Guide Book 2010. This was compiled and forwarded. This is a lovely glossy publication and runs to over 250 pages. We were also asked to provide a submission to the public consultation of the Quality Standards for End of the Life Care in hospitals. This was duly submitted and acknowledged. The launch of Quality and Standards for End of

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Life Care in hospitals took place in Clontarf Castle, Dublin yesterday by Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney T.D. Consultation report is available on H.F.H. programme website, [www.hospicefriendlyhospitals.net](http://www.hospicefriendlyhospitals.net) Last year we decided it was time to revise our Constitution. During the year we met a few times and have suggested some proposed changes. You will hear more of that later. These changes will be put to a vote. Marie Shinnick travelled from Cork and met the National Officers and two of our Past Presidents for these discussions. We are grateful and thank you all for giving your time and expertise in this matter. We had two newsletters from CICIAMS, one in August 2009 and the last one dated April 2010. The International President Marylee J. Meehan U.S.A. paid tribute to two of her predecessors, who have died R.I.P., Miss Lilian Fiori, Italy and Mrs Eileen Lamb, England. She was also awarded the Cura Citta Del Vaticano medal by Cardinal Barragan. She humbly accepted this on behalf of each and every member of CICIAMS. Cardinal Barragan, who is Mexican, retired as Spiritual Director when he returned to Rome following the World Congress in Monterrey, Mexico in March 2009. The newly appointed President of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care is His Eminence Zygmunt Archbishop Zimkowski who is Polish. He planned the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care in conjunction with the World Day of the Sick in Rome Feb 9th – 11th 2010. We all had notice of this and celebrated in our own way at branch level. Some dates for your diary from the latest CICIAMS news, The Asian Regional Conference is scheduled for September 3rd – 5th 2010 in Singapore. The Catholic Nurses Guild of Croatia has offered to host the CICIAMS 19th World Congress in 2013 in Croatia. We received two beautiful Christmas cards from + Cathal B. Cardinal Daly, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. We also had a Christmas card from the Catholic Nurses Guild of Ghana. On the occasion of Cardinal Daly's death R.I.P. we sent a letter of condolence and a Mass card on your behalf to Cardinal Sean Brady. On March 2nd we had a lovely day in the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin, courtesy of Cllr. Eimear Costello, Lord Mayor of Dublin. Meeting arranged by Pat Boyle and Eileen McBarron, Fr. Bryan Nolan, National Chaplain gave us a very stimulating address on Communication and Listening Skills. Fr Joblin S.J. was honoured for his 25 years as Ecclesiastical Advisor to CICIAMS, at a dinner in Rome with members of CICIAMS executive board. This occasion was in conjunction with the Spring Exec Board meeting. This was attended by Josephine Bartley and Bernie

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Spillane and they brought our gift of good wishes to Fr. Joblin S.J. A tribute written by Josephine Bartley in honour of Fr. Joblin was sent per request, to the Pontifical Council for the Laity for celebration of the Year of the Priest this summer in Rome. Here at home Josephine is editor of Irish Nursing News. We have two editions per year and they are excellent. Josephine is owed a debt of gratitude from us for all her work with our magazine over the years. She will talk about this later today. Josephine is also acting Secretary General of CICIAMS General Secretariat at Donnybrook in Dublin since the resignation of Geraldine McSweeney some time ago. She has also worked on CICIAMS Statutes Committee. Bernie Spillane has been acting International Treasurer of CICIAMS since the last International Treasurer resigned. They both attended Exec. Board Meetings in Brussels and Rome since our last A.G.M. A big thank you from all of us to Josephine and Bernie. Our annual pilgrimage to Knock on May Day was a lovely occasion. We would like to thank all who made it so special, Fr. Bryan Nolan for celebrating Mass and the great homily on Evangelisation, the choir for the beautiful music and singing, to all who took part in the Liturgy, thank you, also to Sr. Breege and Mary T. Regan for conducting us in the Stations of the Cross and Rosary. This is the year for Vocations, Priests and Evangelisation. We will continue to pray for the success of all P.G. My sincere thanks to my fellow officers, Sr. Breege Commins, Vice President, Therese McCormack, Secretary and Sr Margaret Vincent, Treasurer for their hard work and support for all of us. I thank you the members for your loyalty and commitment to the Guild and your support to various charities at home and abroad. I am sure the Good Lord will reward you all. Finally, I must thank Marie Shinnick very much for her hard work and assistance in organizing the A.G.M. I think it is some years since we had our last AGM here and it's lovely to be back. Enjoy the time here. More from Ireland, please read the full INN magazine CNGI on-line:

<http://ciciamsasec.catholic.org.hk/INN2010.pdf>

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#### 4. CICIAMS calendar



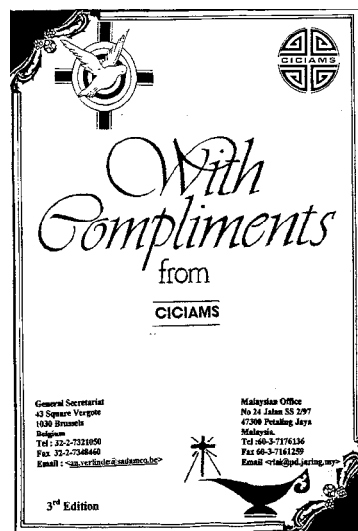
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#### 5. CICIAMS through the years

*'ciciams in pictures'*



Sir Richard Lai contribution towards ciciams has been elaborated in our last edition of ciciams news. This time we have reproduced ne of his work of 'ciciams in pictures' in his booklet prepared in 2002. In this booklet he managed to recall ciciams presidents from 1962 up to 2002. This interesting booklet outlines ciciams work throughout the years. To enjoy the full version of the booklet you need to go on-line: <http://ciciamsasec.catholic.org.hk/cicinews8.html>



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## 6. Message from the Editors

X'mas' Greetings: May the Lord be with us all!



Please kindly note that the CICIAMS Calendar is linked to the Google Calendar which show only a few of the listed past and future events. In this issue of CICIAMS NEWS we have got very limited events to publish. They are:

1. The next Executive Board meeting will be held in Edinburgh on the 5th and 6th of March 2011.
2. The General Council meeting with Elections will take place in Spain Autumn of 2011. Please note by then we will elect our executive committee members.
3. The European Region are still hoping that their Regional President will host a Seminar at that time also.

This is 4th of our ciciams news on-line with limited hard copies, the Asian feel is quite strong, in the News from the Regions and in the Christmas Greeting, enjoy your journey with ciciams, Merry Christmas!

Lastly, don't miss Richard's booklet in full, in the session CICIAMS through the years, called 'ciciams in pictures' on-line. <http://ciciamsasec.catholic.org.hk/ciciamsnpictures.pdf>

