



# East Asian Pastoral Institute

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Dear Sisters,

Peace of Christ,

We hope this email finds you in good health and high spirits.

I am Fr. John Chong Chechon, SJ, director of the East Asian Pastoral Institute. We are reaching out to you to share the news about the reopening of EAPI after the pandemic with our upcoming programs for pastoral leadership and sabbatical renewal here at our Institute.

## **Who are we?**

EAPI is a residential pastoral institute for renewal, sabbatical, and leadership training. We are located in the Philippines and have been forming clergy, religious, and laity from all over the world since 1961. As an institution of the Society of Jesus, we collaborate with a diverse range of resource persons and organizations who bring their frontier expertise to bear. Our programs immerse pastoral workers in a synodal environment, marked by a culturally diverse and intergenerational community. To get a glimpse into our story and our programs in EAPI, watch these videos:

- (1) [East Asian Pastoral Institute: Forming Pastoral Workers](#)
- (2) [Sabbatical Renewal Experience at the East Asian Pastoral Institute](#)
- (3) [Pastoral Renewal for Discipleship at the East Asian Pastoral Institute](#)



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## **What do we do?**

At EAPI, we understand the unique challenges and immense responsibilities that pastoral leaders face in the church and world today. We believe our programs will be invaluable for clergy, religious and lay persons alike, who are committed to growing in their ministry and who seek renewal in their calling.

Here is a brief overview and schedule of programs we are offering this **August 7 to December 1, 2023**:

### **1. Pastoral Renewal for Discipleship**

PRD is a 4-month residential program that offers ongoing formation and renewal designed to inspire pastoral leaders and missionaries with a deeper understanding and appreciation of what discipleship of Jesus means today and to equip them for the mission of the Church. Participants strive to attain two key outcomes:

- To be Christ-Centered
- To be Dialogically Life-Giving

### **2. Sabbatical Renewal Experience**

SRE is a 4-month residential program designed to provide a holistic space for persons who are in transition or need of a change of pace from their busy lives of ministry, allowing time to rest, renew, reflect, and re-create with fellow pastoral workers in an Asian cross-cultural ecclesial context. Participants strive to attain the following outcomes:

- Psycho-Emotional Integration
- Spiritual Maturity



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To register and to find out more information, please visit our website at [EAPI](http://www.eapi.org.ph).

The deadline for applications is on **July 7, 2023**. Financial assistance for pastoral leaders and lay and religious missionaries coming from under-resourced communities is available.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information. Our dedicated team is ready to assist you.

Thank you for your time in considering our programs. We look forward to embarking on this transformative journey with you and your faith community.

Yours in the Lord,

*John Chong Chechon, S.J.*

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