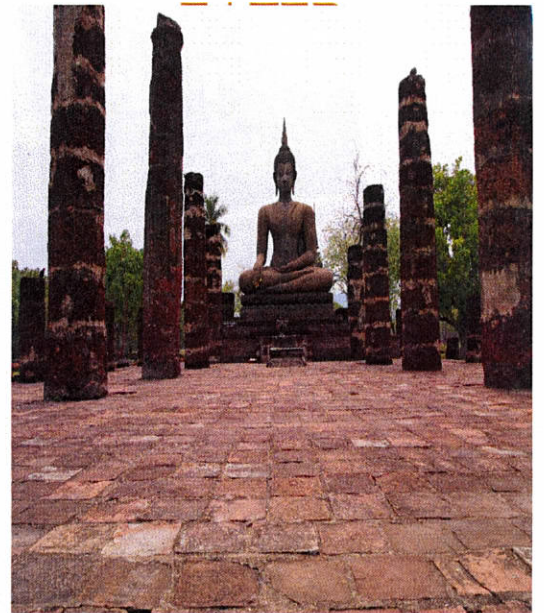


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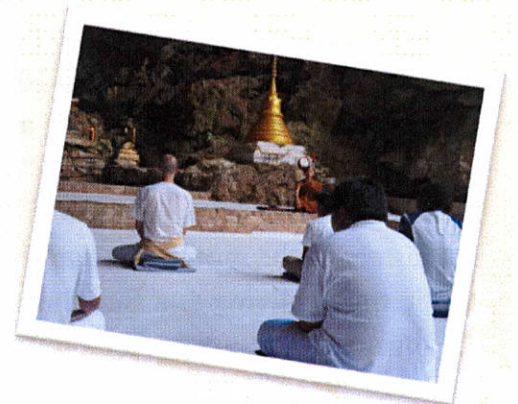
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## **2015 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EATEP**

The East Asia Theological Encounter Program began in 2006 at the recommendation by a meeting of major superiors of the Asia/Pacific Conference when Father Adolfo Nicolas was president of the conference. The goal was to supplement the theological formation of scholastics. The three goals were to do Asian Theology, understand Interreligious Dialogue, and experience an immersion in Buddhism.

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## Program Goals



### “Doing Asian Theology”

Michael Amaladoss, S.J. of Chennai, India was invited as the number one choice to lead the seminar in Contextual Theology. The seminar reviews the tradition of Catholic Theology from its Hellenistic context in the beginning and its evolution through the centuries. Adaptation and inculturation were part of that process. Today it is valuable to examine how Enculturation takes place as the church encounters new cultures and contexts. Father Amaladoss conducts an 8 day seminar with a focus on the scholastics reflection on their own cultures and challenges facing their local churches to give Catholic theology a more “Asian” face.

## Interreligious Dialogue

Father Amaladoss examines the issue of Interreligious dialogue, exploring what it is and what it is not. Learning other religious traditions and respecting them versus debating them in a harmonious manner is the goal.

### Buddhist Immersion

Thailand is predominantly a Buddhist country that is vibrant and alive in the hearts of Thai people. Monasteries are numerous and there are over 300,000 life-time monks in Thailand in 10,000 monasteries. Our program reviews the tenets and practices of Buddhism. More importantly to “learn Buddhism from the inside” the scholastics spend 5 full days at a monastery in the mountains learning “Insight” meditation by living as a Buddhist monk, rising at 4:00 Am and 8 hours of meditation guided by the Abbot of Wat Kham Doi Tone. Most scholastics viewed this experience as invaluable.

