

# Summer Course

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## “Spirituality in the Asian Context”

April 20-25, 2015

### Background and Rationale

We are now in the first quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a tremendous time which allows us to enjoy advances in technology and increased access to financial and career opportunities. But, these developments have also made practicing our faith and spirituality very challenging. Asia is known to be the home of great and ancient spiritualities. However, with the advent of globalization and fast changing social dynamics, unfortunately, we are often exposed to violent images and stressful and rapidly changing environments. These factors make it difficult for us to live-out and share important tenets and values. What is now the picture of our spirituality in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? How are the great and ancient spiritualities of Asia responding to the challenges and demands of the contemporary times?

### Prospective Speakers and Topics

April 20, 2015 (Monday), 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Christian Elements of Asian Spirituality face-to-face with Globalization <i>Dr. Emanuel De Guzman (Confirmed)</i>
April 21, 2015 (Tuesday), 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Taming the Mind and Purifying the Heart thru Anapanasati Meditation from the Christian and Buddhist Perspective <i>Fr. Baltazar Ronato, O. Carm. (Confirmed)</i>
April 22, 2015 (Wednesday), 8:30 – 4:30 pm	The Essence of Hindu Spirituality and Practices <i>Ms. Yogita Sharma</i>
April 23, 2015 (Thursday) 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Islamic Spirituality and its Challenges in the Asian Context <i>Fr. Eliseo Mercado, OMI, Ph.D.</i>
April 24, 2015 (Friday) 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Liberation in the Context of Tibetan Buddhism <i>Mr. Virgil Antonio, OCDS</i>
April 25, 2015 (Saturday) 8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Dakilang Paramdam: Rereading the Role of the Holy Spirit in the Asian Context <i>Dr. Rebecca Cacho (Confirmed)</i>