EDITOR’S PREFACE

In celebration of the four decades after the pivotal event that was the Second Vatican Council, the Philippine Association of Catholic Missiologists (PACM) chose for its annual plenary assembly in 2005 the theme “Asian Vision of Church and Mission.” The speakers at that assembly focused on the sustained efforts of the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences (FABC) to respond to Vatican II’s call and challenge to articulate a vision for the local churches in Asia. This current volume of Landas publishes the proceedings of that plenary assembly which addressed three major topics: Asia’s dynamic and missionary local churches, challenges to evangelization in Asia, and an evaluation of how dialogue and the FABC “pastoral spiral” method are applied in the Youth Desk as well as in local youth commissions.

The Second Vatican Council saw the need for the local churches to sink their roots deeply in the life of the people and encouraged the local churches to indigenize and inculturate. In responding to this call, Loyola School of Theology does its part by training priests and ministers to proclaim the Word of God. As part of the school’s celebration of the forty years after the close of Vatican II, this volume includes an indexed list of the graduate, licentiate and doctoral theses successfully defended by students at LST over the past forty years. These theses cover a variety of topics. In themselves, the titles of the theses indicate the aspects of the life of the local church which invite theological reflection. The indexed list of theses will be of help to scholars and researchers who may want to acquaint themselves with the products of theological pursuits done in the Philippines and in the wider Asian context.

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