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**JESUITS AND JRS
EXPERIENCES AND REFLECTIONS
IN SHARING THE MISSION
IN ASIA PACIFIC**





DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Louie Bacomo

Speaking to a gathering of laypersons and Jesuits in a JRS global planning meeting, Fr. Arturo Sosa points out that collaboration with the Society of Jesus is a collaboration with the Society's mission as a body, not with the Jesuit as a person. This statement echoes GC36:

An Ignatian work can be said to be Jesuit when it has a clear and definitive relationship with the Society of Jesus and when its mission accords with that of the Society by a commitment to a faith that does justice through inter-religious dialogue and a creative engagement with culture. In such a context, the mission of the work, whether administered by a Jesuit or by another who shares this commitment, will be "ultimately accountable to the General of the Society through appropriate lines of authority. (Collaboration at the Heart of Mission, D.6,n.10)

JRS is the universal mission of the Jesuits for refugees and forcibly displaced persons. The inspiring origins story of JRS in Asia Pacific imbues this regional presence its unique shape, sound and sensibility. There are two photos in this issue that show us this dynamic evolution. The cover photo features one of the earliest JRS team meetings in Bangkok—mostly Jesuits, mostly male—to the latest JRS regional team meeting in 2022 that showcased diversity and inclusion in the JRS mission. The second photo is that of the JRS mission team who accompanied refugees returning to Cambodia—a Jesuit, a layman, and two religious sisters—a defining feature of the growth of the JRS mission in Asia Pacific. What is not seen in the second photo are the many refugee returnees, landmine survivors and advocates, teachers of their own people who built the JRS mission in Cambodia where I first encountered JRS.

In my experience of JRS for more than 15 years as a lay person, I have a deep appreciation of Fr. Sosa's statement above. Even as collaboration is focused on the mission, Jesuit presence in JRS is persuasive. For many who are unfamiliar with the Catholic faith, the direct encounter with the Jesuit mission is through the Jesuit as a person working in the team. And for the familiar, their high regard for the Jesuit mission flows into their expectation of their experience with the Jesuit in person.

As a final note, I cannot help but think whether it is because of these high expectations that make Jesuit presence in JRS persuasive as well as elusive.

MISSION AND IDENTITY



The General
Congregation
appeals to all
Provinces to support
the Jesuit Refugee
Service in every way
possible [GC34, Our
Mission and Justice,
65].

Is it true that what matters is need, not creed? When JRS considers its Catholic and Jesuit roots and core values, it rather believes that its charism is both humanitarian and spiritual in inspiration.

JRS has always had a critical place for understanding Jesuit Mission and Identity. The Jesuits' ultimate governing body, the General Congregation, at its 34th meeting since the Society was founded nearly five hundred years ago, described the situation of refugees:

Often lodged in the poorest of countries, they face growing impoverishment, loss of a sense of life and culture, with consequent hopelessness and despair. The Jesuit Refugee Service accompanies many of these brothers and sisters of ours, serving them as companions, advocating their cause in an uncaring world.

The work of the JRS is an integral part of our mission to truly accompany and advocate for people's rights and dignity, and to do so with dedication and devotion. We need to examine how we can impact the lives of refugees by becoming a part of their lives and have a mutually enriching relationship with each other.

DAM FEBRIANTO

Country Director JRS Indonesia



My first involvement working among refugees with JRS Indonesia was in 2016. After finishing my philosophy program, the provincial of the Indonesian Jesuit Province sent me “to learn to work as a Jesuit”—called the regency program -- with JRS Indonesia. By doing regency with JRS Indonesia, I begin my encounter with refugees in Indonesia, firstly as a JRS field officer and then as a field coordinator in the Bogor area.

I was grateful to be part of JRS Indonesia since it enabled me to meet and be friends with refugees. The first mission of JRS is to accompany, meaning to be with them and to be their friend. I visited them in their homes. I talked with them. I listened to their thoughts and experiences and shared mine. I also worked with them to serve the community by conducting psychosocial and educational programs.

After completing the regency program in 2018 and continuing my priesthood formation, I took refugee issues as my theological inquiry, both for my baccalaureate and my master's program. I was ordained as a priest in 2021, and was then sent back to work with JRS, initially as a field coordinator, then as a project director, and now as a country director.

However, by appointing an Indonesian Jesuit as the country director, it is believed that the continuity of the Jesuit involvement in JRS Indonesia has been maintained as a mutual relationship. By the presence of JRS in Indonesia, the Jesuits in Indonesia express a preferential option for the excluded.





“It would be great if the currently close relationship would be maintained or even developed as a more adequate response to ongoing displacement issues in Indonesia, both for refugees and for IDPs.”

One thing that is inevitable in realizing the mission and vision is collaboration. The Jesuits recognized the need to collaborate with the laity, even promoting the mention of "fellow collaborators in God's mission" in working with the laity.

JRS also welcomes people from any background to work with JRS as staff, volunteers, interns, or any other affiliation. It is great to see the diversity of religiosity or ethnicity of persons who work to accompany, serve, or advocate for people in displacement.



COLIN TAN

Parish Priest St Ignatius Singapore



The plight of the boat people in the 1980s

had moved many people to respond to this humanitarian crisis. In Singapore, Fr Des Reid SJ was the contact person who got together a group of volunteers from St Ignatius church to visit these refugees when they came in their fragile boats and were housed in the Hawkins Road Vietnamese Refugee Camp in the late 1970s. They provided the refugees with clothes, food, and other necessities and Fr Reid Sj was able to say mass for them.

Hence, when I finished my theological studies in 1999 in Dublin and returned to Singapore, I continued the work of Fr Reid. I initiated the beginnings of the JRS, Singapore as I believed that there was still a great need for the church and the Society of Jesus to respond to the plight of the refugees in our part of the world.

The JRS Singapore group became a part of the universal response of the Jesuits to a growing crisis that continues to this day. My many encounters with the refugees especially in the camps for the Myanmar refugees in Mae Hong Son, May Khong Kha and Mae Sot, helped to shape my conviction that every human person deserves to have a right to life and a dream to hope for a better future.

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Perhaps it was his grandpa, teacher William who instilled in him the self-belief and conviction of faith to trust in God's providence to guide him when he experienced many obstacles in his path to the priesthood, he did not give up.

He remembers his difficult childhood. "I was born among the bullets," said Fr Saw Augustine Shwe, 43. He could have joined the army to take up arms, but he chose to be a soldier for Christ--to bring peace and healing to his people. He now works for Radio Carita in Myanmar.

The work of the JRS is an integral part of our mission to truly accompany and advocate for their rights and dignity. To do so with dedication and devotion. How we can impact the lives of refugees. Become a part of their lives and have mutually enriched each other.

“The most important aspect of the work of the JRS, to make every refugee feel loved, cared and valued.

Even if we forget them, God will not forget them.”

ANDREW HAMILTON

Writer and editorial consultant



My first contact with JRS was a three-month placement in Ampil Camp at the Thai-Cambodian border. It was in 1984 during the summer vacation at the Theological College where I was teaching. The experience affected me deeply, and I spent three or four more summers at the Border. I also visited Thailand each year for many years to join the annual JRS meeting for volunteers and staff of the Asia Pacific region. During that time, I wrote on my experience and on refugee issues for Australian readers to encourage interest in JRS. I also worked with Cambodian and Lao Catholic refugee communities.

My time in Ampil camp was seminal. My motivation was mixed. I wanted to be of service to refugees. I also wanted to find a way of resolving the conflict between my endorsement of the rhetoric of the preferential option to the poor and my fear of meeting anyone poor. At Ampil camp I was asked to teach English to nurses, teachers, and other groups of refugees who needed to communicate with overseas workers in medical, teaching, and other agencies

The Camp introduced me to refugees as people and not just as a category. They included the nurses who came immaculately dressed despite the dust that blew through the camp and people met casually along the road. I remember particularly a woman who had put at risk her own life and that of her children in a Khmer Rouge village. She had stolen rice from the Angkar barn to feed, not her children, but the elderly who had no one to help them.

I came to the Border with an unrecognized sense of superiority to other cultures and left with a lasting admiration and awe of such persons whom I could never fully understand but whom I could love.

JRS at this stage was built around Jesuits who had found their way into the camps before its beginning. They were extraordinary men with rich experience, a deep commitment to the refugees, and a healthy spirit of independence. I remember fondly Pierre Ceyrac who dressed in rags, ate like a bird, and could be seen driving to be with the refugees when all other volunteers had to leave because of shells falling inside the Camp.

For someone from a predominantly Christian world, to live in a Buddhist culture was a privilege. I came to Thailand thinking of other religions as acceptable but as inferior to Christianity. To see the reverence of people offering food to the monks, and to hear stories of people's unbelievable courage and generosity during the Pol Pot years humbled me and opened for me the breadth of God's action in the world. Buddhists became a 'us' and not a 'them'.

It evoked the poignancy of the Mass readings for Advent. It also enriched my experience of Jesuit life, particularly through living in a community of Jesuits, Sisters, and lay volunteers.

Some of the most vivid experiences of JRS came through the yearly regional meeting in Thailand. In retrospect, they marked the transition of JRS from a few Jesuits with the determination, persistence, independent spirit, and initiative to go to refugee camps and build a ministry to a diverse group of Jesuits, religious Sisters, and lay persons from many nations. It began with cowboys and gradually became more like a frontier town with the fences, accountabilities, and rule of law that give stability. The annual meetings were times of hospitality. A particularly poignant moment was of a Mass to which we welcomed Jon Sobrino, in Bangkok for a meeting, shortly after he had heard of the murder of six of his Jesuit brothers in El Salvador.

“I promised myself that I would not move on from refugee. My experience shaped my theology, my writing, and pastoral initiatives subsequently. I owe much to JRS.”





The Community of the Hijas de Jesus (Daughters of Jesus), Mae Hong Son, Thailand

"We see and share the mission of Jesus carried out by JRS in its 3-fold mission: Accompany, Serve, and Advocate for the Displaced Persons. In the work that we do, each one of us is able to live our charism of FILIATION as we accompany, serve and advocate for the refugees. We feel and experience the abiding presence of God, the Source of our Hope, among our JRS colleagues, the Refugee community and all those who are helping them .Indeed, we are deeply grateful to the Lord for the collaborative work and shared mission with JRS."

COLLABORATION



The 36th General Congregations points to the reality of forced displacement in the world today calling for a faith response to promote a culture of hospitality.

Furthermore, the Congregation states the "necessity of promoting the international articulation of our service to migrants and refugees, finding ways of collaboration with JRS."

(D.1, n.26)

JRS in Asia Pacific's particular place in the JRS origins story shows how collaboration among Jesuits, religious congregations, laypersons in a multicultural and multifaith context shaped JRS until today.

What started as JRSAP teams composed mostly of Jesuits and some women religious congregations is now a multicultural, multifaith teams with a few Jesuits.

Through these historical changes, the foundational focus on shared mission for refugees and forcibly displaced persons has remained the bond that binds all even as challenges continue to test this union in mission.

Fr. Dominic- Coordinator of pastoral accompaniment project, Loikaw Diocese
"The outcome of coordinating between Loikaw Diocese and JRS , refugees communities benefited physically, psychologically and spiritually through social pastoral services."



DENISE COGLAN

Country Director

JRS cambodia



In 1988, I joined JRS to work among Cambodian and Vietnamese displaced persons in the Thai refugee camps. There I got to know extraordinary Jesuits, including Pierre Ceyrac John Bingham, and scholastics like the two Kikes and wonderful Thai and international volunteers.

Our regional director was Mark Raper who later became the International Director of JRS. Reviewing deeply our experience and the impact of our presence in the camps we were led to new ways of response.

1. Some JRS volunteers would remain accompanying refugees until their repatriation,
2. Others would work with the Buddhist monks advocating for peace and reconciliation
- 3 A small team would enter Cambodia, building friendships there.

I was graced to be one of the pioneers in Cambodia along with Brother Noel Oliver sj, Sister Ath and Jub Phokthavi, who is now a Jesuit.

To foster reconciliation we began with a village rural development programme which helped livelihoods, built schools, began Rice banks and cow banks, and formed associations of women.

A vocational training school was set up for people with disabilities, where soldiers from four different factions learned and worked together. We engaged in small advocacy efforts such as peace songs and shirts and meetings, teaching English to form interpreters for the UN-led repatriation and election process, and the campaign to Ban Landmines.

My memories are of wonderful friendships as the new team of Buddhist and Christian, returnees and those who stayed, people with disability, women, and men, national and international, Jesuit lay and religious joined in our common mission to ensure the full human development of a people hurt by war, oppression and exile. Peace was in the air and signs of hope urged us on amid challenges.



“The courage in adversity of displaced people inspires us, their stories can evoke compassion and stir a passion for justice. Increasingly, their voices are being heard in policymaking. This is what I love about JRS. Despite all our human flaws we remain rooted in the gospel trying to play a part in building the world God desires.”

Gratitude to God, to Pedro Arrupe to all the people I have met along the way, to our teams in Cambodia whose long-term presence and kindness (Meta karuna) smooth the journey; Words cannot convey the depth of this gratefulness.



TONY MORENO

Previous President of Jesuits Conference Asia Pacific



While I was aware of the work of the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) in the Philippine Refugee Center (PRC), in Morong, Bataan, some 170 kilometers from where we were in Quezon City, unfortunately I never had any chance to visit the camp and meet the JRS staff working there. It hosted more than 400,000 “boat people” from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos from 1981 to 1994.

My first significant contact with the JRS – Asia Pacific (AP) was on 08 October 2019 in Huan Hin, Thailand. Upon the invitation of its newly appointed Regional Director, Louie Bacomo, I, as then the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific (JCAP) President, gave a talk linking the Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAPs) to JRS – AP planning. There were 52 participants coming from seven countries in that regional assembly from 7 to 12 October. While the majority were Christians, a good number were Buddhists, Muslims and without any religious affiliation.

I was impressed by the energy and commitment to accompany the refugees in Asia Pacific and face the challenges that brought about forced displacement and migration of peoples. I was also inspired by the diversity of the participants and their resolve to pursue a common vision to extend a hand to these peoples.

Louie Bacomo and JRS – AP’s desire to partner alongside JCAP particularly its Social Ministries sector and the Migrants and Refugees Network (MRN) made a lot of difference. JCAP was equally eager to collaborate with JRS – AP. For this and other considerations, both parties collaborated in the assisting humanitarian assistance in Myanmar in the wake of the military coup on 01 February 2021.

Louie and other JRS – AP staff participated in the assemblies of the JCAP Social Ministries, MRN, JCAP planning-implementation, flagship project and extended consults, and many other conference-level gatherings. The collaboration between the two parties was simply life-giving.

“It was a telling sign that we were united in our shared mission.”



In Rome, Fr Tom Smolich, former JRS International Director, and his successor, Br Michael Schöpf, consulted me a few times in my capacity as then the JCAP President on several matters affecting our collaboration and the common mission we shared in Asia Pacific. That collaborative gesture was very much appreciated since it drove home the point that JRS and JCAP stood shoulder-to-shoulder in battlefield.

“It is my hope and prayer that the various concerned parties may come together, journey as one while discerning the horizon in search of a hope-filled future for refugees and other displaced peoples.”



CHALLENGES AND INSPIRATIONS



“We greet also the men and women of the Jesuit Refugee Service and all those who share our mission in those Provinces and Regions where conflicts are strongest and most intractable. Without their contribution our mission would be considerably poorer. Living the same dangers, threats and violence, you are brought together by the ties of friendship, prayer and solidarity.”

The tradition of Jesuits, building bridges across barriers finds deep resonance with JRS work of reconciliation, advocacy and accompaniment. The Jesuit and Ignatian instinct to search for, and find God in all things is mirrored in JRS work to discover hope and resilience even in the midst of conflict, violence, suffering and isolation experienced by the forcibly displaced.

Not only does JRS share in the universal mission of the Society of Jesus, but “the JRS mission must be shared by all [Jesuit] institutions, whether they are academic, educational, social, intellectual, pastoral or spiritual”, wrote Fr Sosa, the Jesuit General, in 2019. Thereby completing a virtuous circle of Arrupe creating an organisation that eventually gives back its own vision of building a world of inclusivity, respect and mutual support for refugees and forcibly displaced. Fr Sosa says that “the ministry of JRS can inspire us [Jesuits] to live the Universal Apostolic Preferences, drawing on the spirituality that motivated Father Arrupe to accompany the forcibly displaced, to give hope to young people, to shine a light on the connection of displaced sisters and brothers with the care of our earth” [Homily, 17 November 2020].

UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES

1

Showing the way to God

Show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment



2

Walking with the Excluded

Walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice

3

Journeying with Youth

Accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future



4

Caring for our Common Home

Collaborate, with Gospel depth, for the protection and renewal of God's Creation

GLOBAL SURVEY ON JRS AND JESUITS IN COLLABORATING IN MISSION

Key Engagement Areas

01

Regular Reporting and Follow-Up

Regional directors and country directors regularly report to and receive follow-up from the presidents of the SJ conference, provincial leaders, or their delegates.

02

Legal and Financial Support

SJ facilitates legal recognition and provides financial support to some JRS offices.

03

Jesuit Assignments

SJ continues the practice of assigning Jesuits to work with JRS.



MAIN GAPS

Inconsistent Relationships

The relationships between JRS and SJ vary across regions, with a lack of clear definitions and standards, particularly at the leadership levels.

Limited JRS Involvement

JRS is not involved in most provinces' social apostolate activities.

Decreased Awareness and Participation

Younger Jesuits are generally unaware of JRS's work and lack inspiration, leading to declining participation. This trend is accompanied by decreasing interest in social apostolate among young Jesuits, resulting in fewer individuals being trained or directly engaged in social apostolate initiatives.

Lack of Engagement in Leadership

Some JRS offices do not have SJ representatives on their advisory boards. Under the strategic framework, there is a need to enhance collaboration with SJ.

Principles Not Fully Integrated

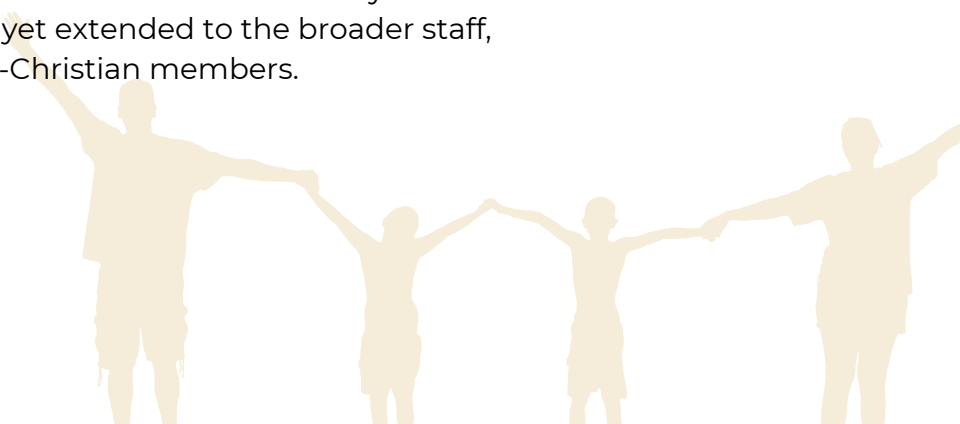
The mission and humanitarian standards are not fully aligned.

Restricted Role of JRS in Social Apostolate

JRS has a limited formal role in social apostolate activities.

JRS-Jesuit Relationship Focused on Management

1. The relationship between JRS and the Jesuits is currently limited to management roles and has not yet extended to the broader staff, including non-Catholic and non-Christian members.



NARUTH PHADUNGCHAI

Country Director JRS Thailand



Nearly a year ago today, I joined JRS Thailand. I hadn't planned on it. The offer came after I had done a brief consulting job for JRS Asia Pacific. It was an easy decision, however. In 20-plus years of humanitarian aid work, both with INGOs and the UN, I have never seen a more dedicated group of people. This is not hyperbole or platitude.

In two refugee camps along the northern border of Thailand and Myanmar, I saw the three Filiae Iesu (Daughters of Jesus) sisters working tirelessly to fulfill the ethos of JRS: to accompany, serve, and advocate for all who are forcibly displaced. Not only they but also the other JRS Thailand staff – Thai and non-Thai – who give wholeheartedly their time and energy to the cause, left an indelible impression upon me.

Like any profession or industry, ours is made up of diverse groups of people with different goals, interests, motivations. Some do this work for money, others for influence or status, and yet a fair number out of a deep desire to help those in need. It would be naïve to assume that everyone doing humanitarian aid work is totally altruistic. And yet, among the JRS staff whom I have interacted with, I would say most if not nearly all are driven largely by the call to serve.

“It is this distinction – this organization-wide commitment to the ethos – that makes JRS different from all others.”

The strength of JRS is that it is decentralized: seven regions covering 56 countries. And, at least in the Asia Pacific Region, there is relative autonomy for how each country functions. Also, the most precious resource that JRS has is its people: staff, volunteers, interns. In any large organization, especially one that has a global presence, this can often be forgotten or taken for granted. But dispersed decision-making and localization help JRS to mitigate this tendency.

Taken together, it means JRS can move relatively quickly to respond to specific needs or situations in a country or region.

But that's only if resources (funding) are readily available. Here, I think, is where JRS faces serious challenges. Like most small to medium-sized NGOs, we constantly need to raise funds and from several sources. I would say that a good 20% or more of my time is involved in fundraising, which includes proposal developments, and another 20% is used for the multitude of report writing. This is not dissimilar for other senior staff as well.



This ethos is well entrenched in the psyche of JRS Thailand staff. It informs everything that we do. It permeates all aspects of our activities, be they in the camps or in the urban centers. It is what distinguishes JRS from most other aid agencies.

Every day, JRS Thailand staff work hard to deliver services to our charge. Can we do more? Sure. But we have limited resources – money, time, energy, emotional wellbeing, etc. – which must be prudently and judiciously allocated. So, it's a constant juggling act, and one that must be done well so that we do not drop the ball, ever.

Our way is low-key, quiet advocacy. This is necessary in Thailand and generally in the SE Asia region, given our registration status, our understanding of the context in Thailand, and the geopolitics of ASEAN.

Not all our partners understand this, and so we need to do more work within our own NGO/CBO/CSO networks to ensure that the advocacy we do together is effective and does not endanger the fundamental work that JRS Thailand does.



A Heartfelt Farewell to Louie Bacomo



On August 15, 2024, Louie Bacomo has officially stepped down from his role as Regional Director JRS Asia Pacific. For the past 15 years, Louie has been a guiding light for our organization, shaping its path with his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication.

Louie's journey with JRS has been marked by profound contributions that have touched every facet of our work. His visionary approach, combined with his wisdom and support, has left an indelible mark on our mission and our hearts. As a mentor, Louie has been a source of inspiration, and his influence will continue to resonate within us.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside of Louie's. As he embarks on a new chapter in his career, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish him every success in his future endeavors. Louie's legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire us, and we look forward to seeing the new heights he will reach. Thank you, Louie, for everything you have given to JRS. You will be deeply missed.

List of jesuits in JRS from 2010. Thank you to all of your contributions.

- 1.Br Aung Zaw/URP- Thailand/May 2010- 2011
- 2.Br Doan Thanh Tam/Reception Manager-URP-Thailand/Apr 2019-June 2020
- 3.Br Fr Noel Ajanthan Jayanathan/Ranong- Thailand/April-May 2012
- 4.Br Francis Htjaru/HSL support, MHS Thailand/June 2009- 2011
- 5.Br Ishak Jacques Cavin/Jakarta Project Coordinator/1 August 2021 - 31 July 2023
- 6.Br Nicolaus David Kristianto/Field Officer in Bogor Project/1 August 2023 - now
- 7.Br Nyuyen Van Luong/Reception Manager-URP-Thailand/Aug 2017-Aug 2018
- 8.Br Rui Muilukandia/URP- Thailand/April-May 2012
- 9.Br Than Ngoc Anh Linh/Reception Manager-URP-Thailand/July 2016-Mar 2017
- 10.Fr Arnulfo Jun Bugtas Jr/URP Counsellor , Thailand/Aug-Dec 2019
- 11.Fr Noel Cantago/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2014-2020
- 12.Fr Adrianus Suyadi/Indonesia Country Director/January 2006 - 31 December 2011
- 13.Fr Albert Alejo/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2014-2018
- 14.Fr Aloysious Mowe/Australia Country Director/Sep 2011- Aug 2016
- 15.Fr Aloysius Yuede Bi/Programme Officer-Myikyina-Myanmar/Aug 2017-Aug 2019
- 16.Fr Alvarado/MHS English Language Computer set up/Summer 2012
- 17.Fr Archie Carampatan/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2019-2022
- 18.Fr Aristotle Dy/JRSAP Advisory Council/2019-present
- 19.Fr Bambang Sipayung/APR Regional Director/June 2012- May 2018
- 20.Fr Benny Juliawan/JRSAP Advisory Council/2013-2018
- 21.Fr Bernard Hyacinth Arputhasamy/APR Regional Director/June 2005- 2012
- 22.Fr Bros Flores/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2019-present
- 23.Fr Dam Martinus Febrianto/Indonesia Country Director/Sep 2022- Present
- 24.Fr David Holdcroft/Australia Country Director/Sep 2004 - Aug 2008
- 25.Fr Eric Escandor/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2015-2016
- 26.Fr IJ Chan-Gonzaga/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2019-present
- 27.Fr Jae Wook Lee/Reception Manager-URP-Thailand/Dec 2015-Jan 2016
- 28.Fr Joseph Hampson/Interim Regional Director- APR/Aug 2024- Present
- 29.Fr Kevin Cullen/Thailand Country Director/Sep 2021- 2022
- 30.Fr Maswan Suginto/Indonesia Country Director/Jan 2012-Dec 2018
- 31.Fr Minh Do/Cambodia Country Coordinator/Jan 2025
- 32.Fr Paul Pollock/IDC Project Director/July 2003-2011
- 33.Fr Peter Benedicto/Indonesia Country Director/1 January 2019 - 31 August 2021
- 34.Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman/Australia Country Director/Sep 2008- Aug 2011
- 35.Fr Tiro Daenuwy/Field Officer in Bogor and Palu Projects/1 August 2020 - 31 July 2021
- 36.Fr Willy Samson/JRS PHL Board of Trustees/2014-2019

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We sincerely apologise if there are names of Jesuits in JRS Asia Pacific from 2010 that we missed. We kindly request you to inform human resource team via hr@jrsap.org

Thank you

JRS Asia Pacific would like to thank you for supporting us in promoting the rights and dignity of displaced persons.

