



TEACHER TRAINING, TIMOR-LESTE **Teacher Training for All**

In 1999 Bishop Basilio do Nascimento of Baucau invited the Marist Brothers to establish an institute to train teachers for this newest and poorest nation in Asia. Thus ICFP – Instituto Catolico para Formacao de Professores, began in 2001.

In its beginning years the Institute addressed the pressing needs of training in Physics, Languages and School Leadership for current teachers. As the Institute grew, its local and international staff prepared for the full time degree program for the training of new primary teachers for the start of the 2004-2005 academic year.

The Institute has support from ACU National, Sydney in assuring that quality standards are being maintained and courses validated.

In 2006 there will be 150 undergraduates in the teacher training program. As the majority of students come from poor families then bursary support is sought for tuition, learning materials, transport and living in Baucau as the College has a national intake and many students have to live away from home. A specific women's scholarship fund has also been launched as a joint MSO and ACU National project.



Teacher Trainees in East Timor