



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 55: 1-3
Psalm 144: 8-9, 15-18
Romans 8: 35, 37-39
Matthew 14: 13-21



PRAYER:

Lord, may the
pastoral pathways
that emerge from
our discernments in
MPC 2026, enrich
and strengthen
our local faith
communities.

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MPC is the fruit of our clergy, religious, youth, parish, vicariate or deanery, diocesan, and regional assemblies. Through these gatherings, the Church reflected on four key pastoral areas – Family, Church, Ecology, and Society – seeking to understand how we are called to move forward together as the People of God.

In Semenanjung, the vision – “New Way of Being Church” traces its roots to the *Aggiornamento* 1976 held at College General, Penang, and was further developed through successive Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Conventions held over the decades.

That journey helped the Church in Semenanjung, discern its pastoral direction according to the needs of its time. In 2016, for example, the Church discerned the call to be inclusive, creative and bridge building. Now, in 2026, MPC broadens this journey by bringing together Sabah, Sarawak, and Semenanjung.

Rather than introducing something entirely new, MPC 2026 seeks to deepen what the Church is already living. Its four pastoral areas are firmly rooted in the Church's teaching, drawing inspiration from *Amoris Laetitia* and *Christus Vivit* (Family), *Evangelii Gaudium* (Church), *Fratelli Tutti* (Society), and *Laudato Si'* (Ecology).

What may be different is the pastoral thrust that emerges. Family life varies across Malaysia. The challenges faced by families in rural and urban parishes, or in places like Johor Bahru where many parents commute daily to Singapore for work, are different from those in Penang, Melaka, Sibul, Kuching, Kota Kinabalu, or Sandakan.

MPC 2026 therefore seeks to receive the universal teachings of the Church into the concrete realities of Malaysian life. By discerning together within our own cultures, languages, struggles, and hopes, we continue to grow in a truly Malaysian way of being Church—one that is united in diversity, rooted in the Gospel, and committed to being relevant, vibrant, and evangelising in today's world. ✕

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A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS:
SOCIETY:
Unity In Diversity



From 9th to 13th September 2026, about 800 participants from across Malaysia will gather in Sibul for the first Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026. Representing the nine dioceses of Sabah, Sarawak, and Semenanjung, they will come together to pray, listen, discern, and ask what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Malaysia today with regards to the direction of our pastoral life and action.