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In the coming 2 weeks we will see pre-election activities in the 6 states of Peninsular Malaysia **AND VOTING DAY IS ON SATURDAY 12th August 2023.**

These 2 weeks is a crucial time for us as Citizens and as baptised persons belonging to Christ to be "PROPHETIC." through our lives as Witnesses. (final statement of PMPC II, 1986). Prophets and Prophetess carry out the task given them by their master. We have a task given us by the Lord who says: " I will be your God and You shall be my People" (Jer 7: 23)

We carry out this responsibility, for our good and the good of our nation :

**1 BY BEGINNING ON OUR KNEES** - to pray everyday that these days of the campaigning will be days of honesty, integrity, justice, accountability, transparency, righteousness and Peace from all parties. Lets pray in our BECs, ministries, gatherings, at our daily and Sunday Eucharistic celebration, Holy Hour and visits to Church. We need to pray for gift of the Holy Spirit, of wisdom and understanding for direction. We will do well, to pray the rosary daily, seeking Our Lady's intercession for our country. We need to fast for this intention.

**2 BY OUR PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT** - as members of our political parties. Volunteer as a polling agent and contribute towards a clean elections. Make contributions of food and water for the volunteers to show your appreciation. Listen to the many rallies on social media from the different parties. Write your comments, affirm what is good, call out the bluff and reprimand those who speak ill about the 3Rs. But always be respectful and courteous! Go with a few friends and attend one physically. Encourage our parish (thru the proper channels) to have a "meet the candidate session." Make sure all are invited either at the same time or at different times and make this info public so as not to be accused as supporting only one party. Get to know our candidates and assess them. Know that we do this as individuals living out our baptism in Christ, as a Priest, Prophet and King. Talk about this in our BECs, parish and chat groups.

The Church encourages her daughters and sons to be involved in the life of the nation and this is one such time. Know that **AT ELECTION TIME THE CHURCH DOES NOT SUPPORT OR SANCTION ANY POLITICAL PARTY OR CANDIDATE.** ❖

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5 & 6 AUGUST 2023

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

18th Ordinary Sunday  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)

MONTHLY FOCUS:

**JOURNEY OF RENEWAL**

FOCUS EVENT:

**AGGIORNAMENTO (1976)**

The event of 1976 was a month when all Bishops and Priests of Semananjung were away in Penang, for a month of Renewal called "AGGIORNAMENTO." The laity in all parishes were prepared for this "priestless month" to conduct the Communion Services for Sundays and to provide for the other services when needed. The fruits of this were expressed as pastoral priorities for the church in PM. It has since developed through pastoral plans and strategies every 10 years through the Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Conventions (PMPC).

Among the many gifts of that experience, is to witness our identity in the Communion of the Trinity, through the building of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BEC's) and to Proclaim and Dialogue with culture, religions and the poor.

