

7 AREAS WERE IDENTIFIED FOR THE 9 DIOCESES OF MALAYSIA

- 1 RELATIONS WITH CLERGY:** their dedication, prayerfulness, kindness, inspiration and leadership qualities is recognised. Challenges of authority, clericalism, arbitrary decision making, favouritism for the rich and influential, a desire for a familial relationship with them and for homilies to inspire, is desired.
- 2 SPIRITUAL CARE:** the renewed sense of faith, community and appreciation for the Mass, after the pandemic must be continued seriously. Vocation promotion is needed.
- 3 FAITH & FORMATION:** need serious attention with a review of some aspect of our faith journey in catechetics, the role of parents as first catechists and the RCIA journey. Seminars are needed to address moral issues on sexuality with the experience of the mercy and compassion of Jesus.
- 4 THE MARGANALISED:** Pastoral care for the newcomers, elderly, those in the peripheries, the hurting, wounded, differently able-ed, migrants, the Orang Asal & Orang Asli, the "new poor" and our collaboration with NGOs and others religious bodies is needed.
- 5 YOUNG PEOPLE:** yearn for acceptance, inclusivity, be part of the decision making, and to be heard rather than for labour. We need to attract, form and keep the young people, rooted in the faith and Church.
- 6 ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH INITIATIVES:** and consultation is to be increased. Working on common ground about each other's faith and practices is needed. Building national unity and harmony, being vocal in facing religious extremism, fighting corruption and political propaganda that divides is needed.
- 7 LEADERSHIP, EMPOWERMENT & COLLABORATION:** towards becoming effective as Church is the goal. Formation towards being a pastoral servant, overcoming favouritism and power struggles, transparency and accountability in finances and the sharing of our resources within the diocese was expressed. The increasing role of women and caring for the challenges they face is needed. ✚

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

19th Ordinary Sunday

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)



Our Synodal Journey as Church, As a Conference of Malaysia Singapore and Brunei

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An estimated 84739 responses were received from the 11 Dioceses in the Conference.

Feelings of joys, hopes, thoughts, opinions, matters of concern, grievances, fear of speaking up, were expressed in our respective diocesan synodal journeys. The collective experiences of the dioceses in CBCMSB points out that:

- **EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHURCH.**
- **COMMUNION - PARTICIPATION - MISSION IN THE PATH FORWARD.**