



The Archdiocesan Pastoral Assembly (KAPA) provides an avenue to listen and deliberate on blessings and challenges. The 'SEE-JUDGE-ACT' methodology helped in formulating plans. A 5 year term review helped to reset and re-vitalise directions.

1. OBSERVATIONS - grassroots responses showed maturity in their reflections. Parishioners were very responsive towards relief aid. The lack of the means of mass media hampered participation. The young feel isolated. The pandemic saw a general complacency. There was a desire for a) better relationships and of mission at all levels. b) open and non-judgmental leadership towards diversity. c) pastoral care of the RCIA experience. d) effective advocacy of the richness of the Catholic faith through Church practices.

2. THE EXPERIENCE - a) rural grassroots were positive. b) urban parishes were weak except for the active communities. c) the commitment of parish priests, church leaders, church committee in the journey was encouraging. d) the synodal culture helped all to be more responsive to parishioners' needs, re-examine strengths and weaknesses for improvement, growth, reflection and renewal in ones spiritual life. e) there was openness, frankness, guidance, trust and empathy for all. f) the beauty and uniqueness of ones personal relationship with God was recognised. g) the sense that promoting this culture strengthens relationships amongst all. h) encouraging participation, consultation, listening and sharing was real.

3. THE CULTURAL IMAGE of the Archdiocese is a vibrant, caring and progressive church as a "House of Worship." It preserves the uniqueness of the traditional identity of our ethnic groups. It inculcates unity in our communities. Our youth are drawn to serve in the Lord's vineyard. There is relentless reaches out to the peripheries.

CONCLUSION - the experiences and feedbacks in this synodal process formed the basis for deliberations at our Pastoral Assemblies. The spirit of synodality inspires the journey in fulfilling our vision. ❖

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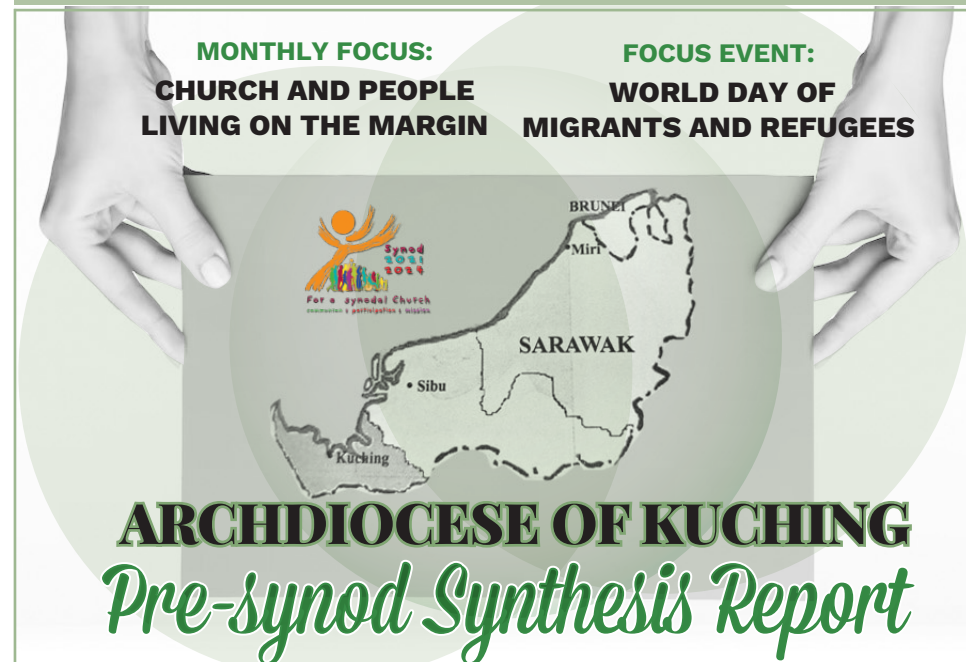
NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

24th Ordinary Sunday

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)

MONTHLY FOCUS:
**CHURCH AND PEOPLE
LIVING ON THE MARGIN**

FOCUS EVENT:
**WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**



INTRODUCTION - The Spirit of Synodality had began since 1989 thru key pastoral events. The Archdiocesan vision since 2012, **"We are the Church, Disciples of the Word, in Communion for Mission"** is inspiring collaborations and engagements among clergy, religious, lay leaders in the grassroots in villages and parishes. The inspiration of the Holy Spirit is evident.

Growth continues with the establishment of Parish Pastoral Councils, Commissions and Committees for the pastoral growth of Family Life, Bible & Faith Formation, Mission & Human Development, Youth, Vocation, Social Communications, and Deliverance & Exorcism