



What was felt was tangible sign of God's presence and of the Holy Spirit, walking, guiding, working through them, strengthening, confirming, and opening new ways to grow and deepen faith as Church. Evidence too was critical thinking. Weaknesses within, and the opportunities it provided to address them was recognised. A better quality of homilies is desired.

At all levels, there was awareness that renewal is both personal and communitarian towards living out the Vision and Mission of the Church, in ecology, ministry, vocation, participation and more. There was the "healing" and "unifying" factor" in the experience, moving from distrust to trust, uncertainty to conviction of being Church. People were responding with hope for the Church, thanksgiving and faith in God's ways.

The Cultural Image of the diocese is one of openness and inclusivity in journey together, embracing all customs and cultures of the communities as practiced by their ancestors. The culture of openness among the peoples to ALL is also highly praised esp. to the migrants to be involved in the Basic Christian Community (KKD). Service is a distinguishing mark.

Conclusion: Recommendation

- The synodal experience is increasingly being internalized in the diocese and it is necessary to promote this "Synodal Culture" at all levels in our journey.
- A re-examination of pastoral programs and approaches, with catechetical efforts for all levels esp the children, the young and families is to be given importance.
- Parish governance and maintenance, the rethinking of pastoral policies is needed, making improvements where necessary.
- There is a need to promote effectively the laity in living out their calling and mission with their charisma and talents.
- Strengthening relationships at all levels with a better quality of service is to be given priority. ✚

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

23rd 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**

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The idea of Synod and "The People of God Journeying together" is something experienced in the diocese since its founding on 6 May 1993. "Synods" were held once in 3yrs and to date 11 such has taken place. **The "meeting or assembly," in the Diocese is a PUKAT (Catholic Assembly) attended by reps from all levels where Pastoral Planning is jointly evaluated, critically reflected and redefined for the journey of the diocese.**

The synodal process, though repetitive and that of translating and implementing the findings, to "go deeper" (LK5:4) to reach out and to listen is real. The efforts to gather all towards a sense of community, in common celebrations and mission, rather than a community based on activity is present.