

DIOCESE OF PENANG

Parish Pastoral Assembly 2015

This questionnaire is to be discussed at all Parish Pastoral Assemblies 2015. This is an integral part of the preparations towards the 4th Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Convention (PMPC) scheduled for 2016.

Please answer the questions with prayer and reflection so that the Holy Spirit can guide us into a true discernment process in our preparation for PMPC 4. Kindly involve as many people/organisations/ministries in this process.

The questions are based on five areas: Self, Family, BEC, Country (Malaysian Realities) and Peninsular Malaysian Church.

SELF

1. *'Indifference must also be overcome in Christian communities, which are required to be "islands of mercy" in a world dominated by the globalisation of indifference'. [Pope's Lenten Message 2015]*¹

Have I been an "island of mercy" to others?

YesNo

If Yes, in what way? _____

If No, why? _____

Remarks: _____

¹The church is a mother, and she must travel this path of mercy, and find a form of mercy for all (Pope Francis on the Synod on Families 2014)

FAMILY

2. *“The family is uniquely important to the Church and all believers are invited to think of others rather than themselves. The family needs to be rediscovered as the essential agent in the work of evangelization”.*[Adapted from the final statement of the Synod on Families 2014]²³

Have our families been witnesses of the good news to others?

Yes No

If Yes, in what way? _____

If No, why? _____

Remarks:

BECs

3. The call of the local church is towards Holiness, Communion and Mission. *“We believe that the regular gathering of the People of God in small communities helps us to nurture and sustain our Faith”.* (PMPC 11- 1996)

Has BEC contributed to your personal and spiritual growth?

Yes No

If Yes, in what way? _____

² CCC 2207 The family is the original cell of social life... The family is the community in which, from childhood, one can learn moral values, begin to honour God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in society.

³The family is truly the “school of humanity” (Gaudium et Spes, 52)

If No, why? _____

Are there other ways of living this call to build small communities?

COUNTRY- MALAYSIAN REALITIES

4. What is the biggest concern in your daily life? (Choose one only)

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| Globalization | <input type="checkbox"/> | Consumerism | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Islamization | <input type="checkbox"/> | Secularization | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Polarization | <input type="checkbox"/> | Materialism | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indifference | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hedonism | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other

What can we(as Church) do to address your concern?

PENINSULAR MALAYSIAN CHURCH

5. *“In order to receive what God gives us and to make it bear abundant fruit, we need to press beyond the boundaries of the visible Church”...[Pope’s Lenten Message 2015].*

How would you see the Malaysian Church in 10 years’ time?

6. Since Aggiornamento 1976, the Church in Peninsular Malaysia has been focussing on building Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs) as the core need and other related needs namely, Unity, Formation, Integral Human Development, Interreligious Dialogue, Youth and Social Communications. Briefly indicate the growth that you have experienced in each of these areas.

a) BEC: _____

b) Unity:

c) Formation:

d) Integral Human Development:

e) Interreligious/Ecumenical Dialogue:

f) Youth:

g) Social Communications:

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