

*With inspiration
and leadership
from the
Catholic Bishops
Conference of
Malaysia -
Singapore -
Brunei
(CBCMSB).*

B. GROWTH IN SYNODALTY is possible when we embrace and express :

COMMUNION - regularly by the practice of embracing ALL, providing a space and openness with mutual trust, respect, with emotional and spiritual guidance. Being present and listening is important.

PARTICIPATION - through inculturation towards building unity in diversity.

By being impartial in all our dealings. Advocating the participation of all from all sectors and esp. of the young. To enhance this by a visible sharing of resources by all.

MISSION - when the Church works alongside with the larger local communities. We must continue reaching out to ALL in creative ways and thus rejuvenate our mission.

CONCLUSION

Efforts to maintain harmony, integration, respect, and religious tolerance amidst a multi ethnic and multi-cultural landscape, illustrates the synodal journey of the local church towards become vibrant, caring and progressive. This will draw more to come forward in service.

II. CULTURAL IMAGES OF THE CHURCH

strengthens our sense of our identity and gives hope for our journey. The cultural image inspires and contributes towards a theology of the Church in our diocese/s and in our region.

In **MALAYSIA** - the “longhouse” culture, the spirit of “gotong royong,” of dialogue and cooperation is the image of the Church in Malaysia.

In **SINGAPORE** of encouraging dialogue and collaboration through listening and responding in a way reflecting God's love. An image of collaborating and building trust with society and with other Christian denominations.

In **BRUNEI** as a melting pot of different races and cultures. There is a commendation for the strong “spiritual sense of community worship.” This unity benefits the church as it creates its own identity as a Bruneian Catholic. ✚

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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

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



Pastoral Cooperation among churches in the region continues with inspiration and leadership from the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia - Singapore - Brunei (CBCMSB). Here below a summary of the Synodal journey made by Church in this conference.

This presentation is a summary of the journey of the Church in Malaysia (of Sabah, Sarawak and Semananjung) with a glimpse of the journey of Church in Singapore and in Brunei.

I. FOR THE CHURCH IN MALAYSIA - SABAH, SARAWAK & SEMANANJUNG

A. IN GENERAL She reflects a desire for ALL to be more and more part of the process of the journey, from discussion, to planning, decision to implementation.