

Appointment as President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei

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As President of the Conference of Malaysia-Singapore—Brunei I hope that the deliberations and decisions we as Bishops make can be followed through by all the Commissions concerned. We should collaborate with other commissions and leverage on the strength of each other.

Structures are important to give a framework of how decisions are made and carried out. There should be competent persons to carry out and follow through systematically these decisions until fruition.

I hope to see the CBC-MSB play her role at the Asian as well as the Universal level. This Conference of 3 tiny countries, has had a cardinal from each plus another for Malaysia just a week ago totalling 4 Cardinals, 2 having left us all too soon. I envisage CBC-MSB will contribute to the Church in Asia in particular with active Bishop participation in various commissions.

Being a small Conference, we must also look out for the little ones in our midst. Safeguarding minors and the vulnerable are high on our list of concern. The care for the poor and those at the margins must also be brought to the centre of our attention and focus.

I pray CBC-MSB will continue to play our role in the universal stage of the world as well as paying detail attention to the needs of the vulnerable among us. We journey together with a heart open to ecological conversion to protect and respect Mother Earth.