

CONSULTATION SYNTHESIS

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AMONG ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND CATHOLICS
IN THE WESTERN REGION



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Seasons
New
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SYNODALITY AND THE EMERGING VOICES OF API CATHOLICS

This synthesis gathers the reflections, communal discernment, and the harvested desires and longings of Asian and Pacific Islander Catholic leaders representing West Coast dioceses, parishes, ecclesial organizations, and lay apostolates.

API Catholics stand at a **kairos** moment. Their communities offer radiant spiritual, cultural, and ecclesial gifts, yet many of their lived realities remain unseen—experiences of marginalization, invisibility, misrepresentation, underrepresentation, and at times feeling unwelcome.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN HARMONY

- THEME 1

A COMMUNITY OF RADIANT GIFTS

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COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

- THEME 5

MISSION TO THE MARGINS



"Knowing the richness of your spiritual and cultural heritage, as well as the depth of your faith and devotion, I am confident that the Church in the United States is enriched by your presence.

You have much to offer."

- Bishop Earl K. Fernandes,
Chairman SCAPA

THE KAIROS MOMENT OF API CATHOLICS



A COMMUNITY OF RADIANT GIFTS - FAITH, CULTURE, AND RESILIENCE

API Catholics offer the U.S. Church a renewing witness of deep faith, cultural richness, unity, and resilient hope—shaped by migration, suffering, and dialogue—that strengthens its mission and embodies the heart of synodality.



THE THRESHING AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY - PURIFICATION FOR NEW SEASONS

API Catholics show that letting go of fear, pride, and worldly security can make room for new life in the Church, offering a simple, faithful, and culturally rooted witness that can help renew Catholic life in the United States.



WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH CULTURE, FAMILY, AND INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING

API Catholics call for simple, culturally aware spaces where families can speak openly and receive pastoral care that understands their real-life challenges.



COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP & INTERCULTURAL SYNODALITY

API Catholics call for co-responsibility by building simple, shared leadership structures that lift up their voices and honor unity without erasing differences.



MISSION TO THE MARGINS - ACCOMPANIMENT

API Catholics show that serving and walking with people who suffer gives their faith a powerful witness that can renew the Church.

"God has called you each by name. To be called is also to be sent. You are being asked to share with the Church in the United States – whether you are near the middle, at the center, or at the periphery – the precious treasure of your culture and faith in the service of its evangelizing mission."

- Bishop Earl K. Fernandes



THE MOSAIC BROKEN YET A MASTERPIECE

The final image that captures the Western Region's journey is the mosaic. A mosaic is made of broken pieces.

Each piece is unique.
Each piece is imperfect.
Each piece is necessary.

When arranged by the hands of the Divine Artist, the broken pieces become a masterpiece. API Catholics—broken yet resilient, wounded yet hopeful, diverse yet united—are part of God's mosaic for the Church in the United States.

Through threshing, purification, the paschal mystery, and courageous accompaniment, the Spirit is crafting something beautiful and new.

Together, the community steps into new seasons and new grounds with courage, gratitude, and hope—ready to walk as one Body, guided by the love of Christ.

API Catholics reveal the Church's universal character by showing how the Gospel takes root in many cultures. Their sacramental celebrations, devotions, and cultural feasts draw entire parishes together, expanding the Church's expression of faith and strengthening a shared sense of belonging.

GOOD WHERE WE'VE BEEN – GOOD WHERE WE'RE GOING TO

The community ended in gratitude and hope, honoring their past and future as they invoked the Litany of API Saints and embraced the "gift of the threshing," trusting that naming wounds is a Good Friday moment that leads toward healing. In blessing one another, they stepped into the light within the darkness, confident that the Spirit will guide them through the paschal mystery into renewed life.

PRIORITY 1

CREATE SAFE, CULTURALLY ROOTED SPACES FOR ENCOUNTERING & LISTENING

API Catholics say the Church needs simple, culturally aware spaces where people can speak openly and heal across generations. Their stories, dialogue, and cultural gifts help the Church face real struggles and grow in unity.

PRIORITY 2

STRENGTHEN FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS AS DAILY PLACES OF ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

API families want simple, culturally grounded support that helps them live their faith at home. They see parents, families, and the wider “village” as key to passing on the faith and guiding children in a digital world.

PRIORITY 3

BUILD REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND LEADERSHIP PATHWAYS

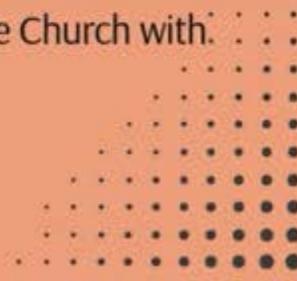
API Catholics want stronger West Coast connections, with shared leadership and formation that unite communities in a common mission. They believe this collaboration can raise new leaders and help renew the Church with humility and hope.

PRIORITY 4

EXPAND OUTREACH AND ACCOMPANIMENT TO THE MARGINS

API Catholics want to serve people on the margins, through outreach, accompaniment, and partnerships that support those facing hardship. Their own stories of suffering and resilience give their witness power, helping them renew the Church and advocate for the vulnerable.

REGIONAL PRIORITIES



WALKING TOGETHER INTO GOD'S FUTURE

The Western Region stands ready to enter a new season of synodal life.

API Catholics bring gifts shaped by faith, family, resilience, and cultural beauty—gifts the Church deeply needs in this moment. By embracing the four regional priorities—creating safe spaces, strengthening households, building collaborative leadership, and extending outreach to the vulnerable—the West Coast can cultivate synodality that is spiritually grounded, culturally rooted, and mission driven.

Across the region, API Catholics long for spaces where their stories can be honored, where families can grow in faith, where young adults can lead with courage, and where those on the margins can find companions on the journey. These desires echo a shared call: to walk together, to listen deeply, and to let the Spirit guide the way.

Formed by histories of perseverance and living between cultures, API Catholics carry a witness capable of renewing the Church's heart. Their cultural richness deepens the Church's catholicity; their interreligious sensitivity strengthens dialogue; and their communal identity fosters unity across generations. Their lived experiences—marked by exile, endurance, and hope—offer a powerful antidote to worldliness and a model of humble fidelity.

Stepping forward with courage, gratitude, and hope, the community trusts that the Spirit is already preparing the path ahead. In this new season, API Catholics are uniquely positioned to shape the Church's future, influence public life, and renew the Gospel's presence in American society.

