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Rev Fr Joseph Stephen started his talk at the [Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help](#) by giving the audience a little bit of history as to how our hierarchal church before Vatican II evolved to become our local church of today. Before Vatican II and Malaysia's local politics prior 1960, the church's missionary work was in the hands of the priests and religious where we have had the many catholic missionary schools, hospitals, orphanages, old folks homes, etc. In the

1960s, the government put a stop on foreign missionaries. In 1976, a month-long Aggiornamento (“a bringing up to date”) for bishops and priests was held in Penang which gave birth to the **local church** we have today where lay people were entrusted to be involved in the church. It was also the birth of Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs).

Scripture: [Mark 16:15-16](#), [Matthew 28:20](#), [Acts 1:8](#) – tells us all believers are sent on mission. Ad Gentes (“To the Nations”) [No 2](#) (document on mission) says, “Every local church is sent by Christ and the

Father to bring the gospel to its surroundings.” As such, the witnessing of Jesus is the responsibility of every believer ... the need to proclaim that we are called, be obedient to the Word of Jesus and let how we live our lives is to be centred on Jesus. Now is the time for mission and evangelization. Proclamation will be heard if it matches with our actions. Jesus witnessed through his lifestyle of mercy and compassion when he encountered people of all backgrounds. His ministry was of compassion, not merely words.

The local church has to be dynamic and vibrant and every parishioner is to be active with the deep realisation of the gospel by making Jesus known. No longer are we to be idle spectators but active collaborators. The many opportunities of witnessing includes making visitors to our parish most welcome that they want to come back again, to sit a while with the lonely, aged and sick to listen to their story, to minister to the prisoner, to evangelize our children. We are to ensure that our Christian identity exists in carrying out our mission in witnessing.



Photo



Fr. Stephen giving his talk.



Our beautiful Church.

FaceBook Videos on singing of 2 hymns at Praise & Worship session on 30 August night.

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