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We are often asked, "To which parish do you belong?" But what about if we are asked, "How is your parish?" In the Year of the Parish, it is fitting to reflect on how our parish should be. To guide us, we begin by reflecting on the three c's: compassion, communion and collaboration.



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The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines declared 2017 as the Year of the Parish as communion of communities. Clergy and lay faithful have been committed to making the parish truly a communion of communities, forming and revitalizing BECs so that they become agents of communion, participation and mission.



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The creation and consolidation of BECs throughout the southern island of Mindanao by missionaries were major pastoral thrusts later adopted by the Local Church. These ecclesial communities have been instrumental in the evangelization of indigenous peoples and in recognizing their rights to ancestral lands.

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