


OPENING DAY SYNTHESIS



5 Questions About Catholic Peacebuilding in Mindanao

1. What is the distinctively Catholic contribution to peacebuilding?
 2. What are the challenges/lessons learned (“Good Practices”)?
 3. What is the impact on the wider search for peace and how do we know it?
 4. What new programs might be considered?
 5. How can a Catholic Peacebuilding Network help support Catholic peacebuilding in Mindanao?
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Lessons Learned

Importance of Mobilization and Integration

Address felt needs from accurate data starting where people are

Be creative and innovative yet sensitive

Involve all and allow all to participate

Build inclusive and shared visions

Nurture collaborative works and network

Importance of peacebridging leadership

Training as social integrating spaces for relationship building

Need for peace praxis as follow up

Integrating values and compelling visions in training management

Value of personal, just and right relationships

Empowering communities is the heart of grassroots peacebuilding work

"Peace as a living Presence"

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Challenges to Peacebuilding

How to make peacebuilding as an encompassing and comprehensive process

How to slow down unpeace and transform this to a culture of peace

How to sustain our peacebuilding works

How to rediscover and create symbols and rituals that build peace

How not to make our peacebuilding as an indoctrination and another
“ideology”?

The need for intra-religious dialogue among believers

How to exercise critical appreciation of models

How to move within the continuum of Immersion-Education-Contemplation

How to create emphatic and dignifying alternatives to what is