

A New Planning of a Flat Ground Church at Diocese of Kota Baru Parahyangan Padalarang

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ABSTRACT

A planning in building a religious building for Catholic community in West Java need not only to provide the requirements of its congregation, but also need to adapt to the life environment where the church building will be built, because Catholic's values also want the awareness of group to develop togetherness with different groups of other religions.

There are many development planning of churches in West Java that afterwards were just carried out without interest in the surrounding environment, isn't the environment around in fact takes part in having role in the existence as occupants of the area that also had an interest in having pride about their environment where they live together?

If we pay attention to the majority, that is Moslem, apparently the building of the church building should also could choose the form that is close with the crowd, however, anywhere in this world the minority must always be more sensitive to the majority environment and do more initiative in maintaining relationship with them that are many.

Have a humble attitude as the Catholic congregation is recommended by the church for its group, more importantly to them who are weak and are not powerful, in fact Catholic community is delegated to always help and encourage humankind in environment where they stay, work and perform religious duties in their church.

Then it is time the planning of architecture of church building apply the matter of appreciating diversities, sensitivity to surrounding environment architecture. No longer build a building that soars and reflects an arrogant impression for the others who look at it, because although the understanding in church group that soaring spaces worships the Highest/God, but for the other believers could be an arrogance impression and underestimate everyone else.

This paper will describe the planning and building a church in Diocese of Kota Baru Parahyangan at Padalarang considering the majority of Moslem communities as our brothers.

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