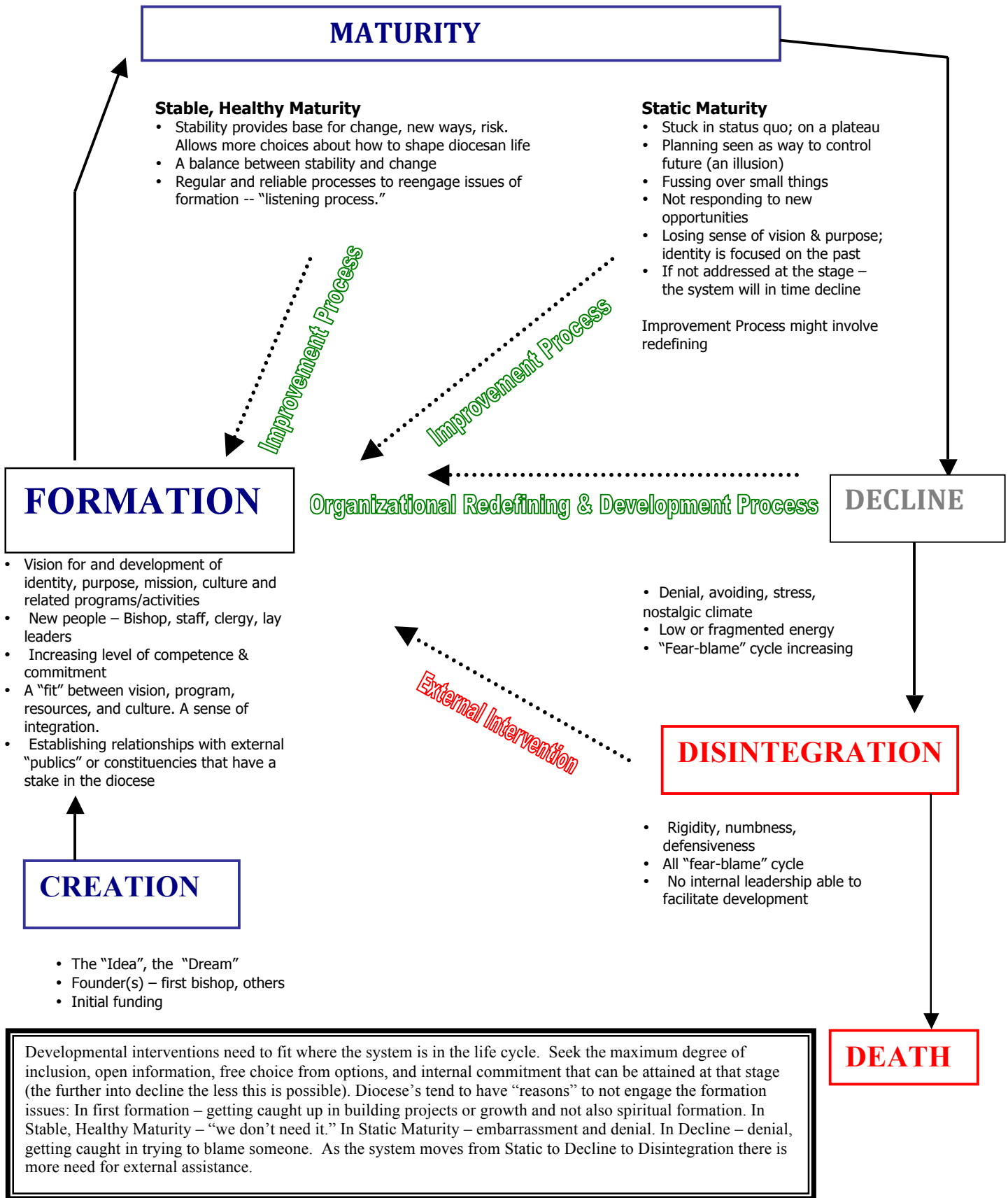


DIOCESAN LIFE CYCLE



Where are we in the life cycle?

The perspective in this model is to determine the position of the diocese in its life cycle by taking into account several factors:

- How well the diocese focuses on the church's mission and the diocese's primary task of shaping health and faithful parish churches.
- How healthy the diocese is in terms of spiritual practice, emotional intelligence, and leadership competence.
- How strong the diocese is in terms of institutional factors such as finances and property upkeep.

These elements are all interdependent. Strength or weakness in one will feed strength or weakness in the others.

The best starting place in making this assessment is to work with the descriptors in the diagram above.