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5th Notification and Updates in the Diocese of Penang



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INTENDED FOR ALL THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL
IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



*Dear Clergy, Religious,
Heads of Ministries and the Lay Faithful,*

Greetings of Joy, Mercy & Hope!

IT IS IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OF YOU AND IN SOLEMN
THANKSGIVING THAT I GREET YOU A BLESSED, HOLY AND JOYFUL
JOURNEY OF LENT

THIS NOTIFICATION WILL BE IN THREE PARTS

A general update on the happenings in the Diocese of Penang

Some important dates to highlight & remember

And it concludes with Intercessions & the Prayer of St. Joseph in Bahasa, Tamil, Mandarin & English



PART ONE

HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



PENANG DIOCESAN PRISON MINISTRY

THE 2ND BATCH OF 5,800 PIECES OF HERBAL SOAP MOULDED BY THE PENANG DIOCESAN PRISON MINISTRY FAITHSHARES WERE HANDED TO THE TAPAH PRISON OFFICERS ON 26 JANUARY AT THE MINOR BASILICA OF ST ANNE, BUKIT MERTA JAM



CARITAS PENANG

ALL PARISH MINISTRIES IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG INVOLVED IN SOCIAL MISSION WILL NOW BE CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE SAME UMBRELLA OF CARITAS AS ONE BIG SOCIAL ARM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Caritas
MALAYSIA

DIOCESE OF
PENANG



REV DEACON KONSTEND GNANAPRAGASAM

THE SACERDOTAL ORDINATION OF DEACON KONSTEND GNANAPRASAM WILL BE CELEBRATED ON 19 MARCH 2021, 8.00PM, AT THE MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE, BUKIT MERTAJAM. AS ATTENDANCE FOR THIS CELEBRATION WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY, THIS MASS WILL BE BROADCASTED LIVE ON [YOUTUBE.COM/PGDIOCESELIVE](https://www.youtube.com/pgdioceaselive) [CLICK HERE](#)



REV. FR. LOUIS LOI

REV. FR. LOUIS LOIS HAS BEEN APPOINTED PARISH PRIEST OF CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY, PERMATANG TINGGI, WITH EFFECT FROM 25 MARCH 2021, AS REV. FR. AUGUSTINE WONG GRACIOUSLY RETIRES.

WE THANK REV. FR. AUGUSTINE WONG FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AS WE CONGRATULATE FR. LOUIS LOI ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT.





Welcome!

His Grace Archbishop Wojciech Zaluski



APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO MALAYSIA

His Grace Archbishop Wojciech Zaluski, the newly appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Malaysia has safely arrived and will be having an audience with His Majesty, the King to present his credential letter.



SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICIAL PLATFORMS

Aside from the official email and telecommunication means, the Diocese of Penang will also be reaching out through means of social media. Parishes and ministries who wish to be connected through the official website, may send your details and materials to mediapgdiocese@gmail.com



Diocese of Penang
www.pgdiocese.org





PENINSULAR MALAYSIA INSTITUTE FOR NEW EVANGELIZATION (INE)

The new office bearers for INE are

Chairperson: Michael Xavier

Vice-Chairperson: Alexander Choong

Clergy Rep & Spiritual Advisor:

Fr. Joseph Stephen, C SSR

We congratulate this team as we thank Simon Wong and the previous team.

GUIDELINES FOR FORMATION OF PERMANENT DEACONS

The official document on the guidelines for formation of permanent deacons in the Diocese of Penang can be found here. [CLICK HERE](#)

SING YOUR PRAISE TO GOD

The latest hymnal published by the Episcopal Regional Liturgy Commission of Malaysia, Singapore, & Brunei, will be sold at RM25/copy. Parishes can place the orders using the attached order form here. [CLICK HERE](#)



PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY

The Pan Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026 Organizing Team will release a guided format by end of April for all parishes to follow during the Parish Pastoral Assembly. These parish assemblies will need to be conducted by Year 2022.



PART TWO

IMPORTANT DATES TO HIGHLIGHT AND REMEMBER

MAR 2021 THEME IGNITING EQUALITY (GAL 3: 28)

EVENT

*International
Women's Day*

SOLEMNITY OF
ST. JOSEPH,
SPOUSE OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

ORDINATION OF
REV. DEACON
KONSTEND
GNANAPRAGASAM

19 MARCH

[CLICK HERE](#)

INSTALLATION OF
POPE FRANCIS AS
THE 266TH
SUCCESSOR
OF ST. PETER,
THE APOSTLE

BISHOP SEBASTIAN FRANCIS



PRIESTLY ORDINATION



OF REV. DEACON

KONSTEND GNANAPRAGASAM

by RT. REV. SEBASTIAN FRANCIS, DD
Bishop of Penang

LIVE BROADCAST



youtube.com/c/PgDioceseLive

ATTENDANCE FOR
THIS CELEBRATION
IS BY INVITATION
ONLY

19th
MAR

MINOR
BASILICA OF
St. ANNE
Bukit Mertajam

8.00
PM

"BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS MERCIFUL"
LUKE 6:36





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THE HOLY WEEK KIT OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG IN ALL LANGUAGES WILL BE RELEASED ON 21 MARCH 2021. IT CAN ALSO BE RETRIEVED FROM THE WEBSITE AFTER THE RELEASE. [CLICK HERE](#) **HOLY WEEK KIT 2021**

THE CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION ON 23 & 24 MARCH 2021, AFTER THE COUCL OF PRIESTS, WILL BE HELD AT THE MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE, BM. CLERGY WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT DUE TO THE CMCO, WILL STILL BE CONNECTED VIA ONLINE MEANS.

CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION (CMR)

THE CHRISM MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON 23 MARCH 2021, 8.00PM, AT THE MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE, BUKIT MERTAJAM. AS ATTENDANCE FOR THIS CELEBRATION IS BY INVITATION ONLY, THIS MASS WILL BE BROADCASTED LIVE ON YOUTUBE.COM/PGDIOCESELIVE. [CLICK HERE](#)

CHRISM MASS 2021

Payable to:

DIOCESE OF PENANG

RHB Account No:

2-07082-0005132-4

Kindly notify payment to:

trcfin@gmail.com

THE COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND WILL RESUME ON GOOD FRIDAY THIS YEAR. PARISHES CAN MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS BY CHEQUE OR ONLINE TRANSFER.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND



1st April - 10th April

HOLY WEEK AND

Easter Sunday

8th April

CHARIS MALAYSIA
EXCO MEETING

15th April - 17th April

COLLEGE GENERAL

BISHOPS-STAFF
FORMATION

APR 2021 THEME
RISE IN HOPE
(2 COR 4: 13-15)

*Easter
Season*

BEYOND THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

BISHOP SEBASTIAN FRANCIS



Golden Jubilee of the
Federation of the Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC)

16TH MAY - 5TH JUNE 2022

Journeying Together As Peoples of Asia



October 2022

A SYNODAL CHURCH

Pope Francis has called
for a Synod of Bishops
in Rome, Italy to delve
deeper on the topic of
A SYNODAL CHURCH



PART THREE

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER OF ST. JOSEPH IN
BAHASA, TAMIL, MANDARIN AND ENGLISH



I invite you to pray with me for the following intentions.



THE RITE OF ELECTION TOOK PLACE ON 20 FEBRUARY AND I AM DELIGHTED TO INFORM YOU THAT 163 ADULT RCIA CANDIDATES WILL BE BAPTISED TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OTHER ADULTS AT EASTER IN OUR DIOCESE. PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYING FOR THEM, EVERYDAY UNTIL THEIR BAPTISM.

CHARIS MALAYSIA (CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL) IS CONDUCTING AN ONLINE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (LSS) WHICH BEGAN ON 20 FEBRUARY AND WILL END ON 25 MARCH 2021, ON THE FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION.

147 PARTICIPANTS FROM THROUGHOUT MALAYSIA TOGETHER WITH 60 FACILITATORS AND A BACKUP TEAM ARE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT. THERE IS ALSO AN ONLINE LSS GOING ON IN TAMIL WHICH BEGAN ON 27 FEBRUARY AND WILL BE ENDING ON 24 APRIL 2021 WITH 83 PARTICIPANTS, 30 FACILITATORS AND A BACKUP TEAM.

PLEASE REMEMBER THEM ALSO WITH ME IN PRAYER.



THERE ARE MANY ONGOING ONLINE FORMATION PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY MANY MINISTRIES IN OUR DIOCESE AND PARISHES. AMONG OTHERS ARE THE PENANG DIOCESAN NEW EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION (PDNEC), THE PENANG DIOCESAN YOUTH NETWORK (PDYN) AND MANY OTHERS. I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR ALL OF THEM AND FOR THE VARIOUS INITIATIVES THAT ARE ONGOING.

IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY WE THANK GOD FOR THE SAFE TRAVEL OF POPE FRANCIS TO IRAQ AND HIS RETURN TO ROME, AS WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UNITY & PEACE IN ALL COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT ARE STRUGGLING AT THIS MOMENT.



OUR COMMON MISSION - TO INJECT HOPE EVERYWHERE





Salam, penjaga bagi Penebus, suami kepada Perawan Maria yg diBerkati, kepada mu Tuhan mempercayakan anakNya yang Tunggal, kepada mu Maria meletakkan kepercayaannya; bersama mu Kristus telah menjadi manusia.

Yosef yang penuh Rahmat, tunjukkanlah juga kebapaanmu kepada kami, dan bimbinglah kami ke jalan kehidupan, perolehi-lah Rahmat, belaskasihan dan keberanian untuk kami, dan pertahankanlah kami dari setiap kejahatan,
Amin.

*Doa kepada Santo Yosef,
yang disarankan oleh
Papa Franciskus untuk
didoakan oleh semua umat.*





மீட்பரின் பொறுப்பாளரே,
 தூய கன்னி மரியின் துணையாளரே, வாழ்க!
 கடவுள் தமது ஒரே திருமகனை உம்மிடம்
 ஒப்படைத்தார்,
 உம்மிடமே மரியா தமது முழு நம்பிக்கையையும்
 கொண்டிருந்தார்,
 உம்முடனே கிறிஸ்து மனிதனானார்.

புனித யோசேப்புவை
 நோக்கி நாம்
 ஒவ்வொருவரும் சொல்ல
 திருத்தந்தை பிரான்சிஸ்
 வழங்கும் ஜெபம்.

பேறுபெற்ற புனித யோசேப்புவே,
 எங்களுக்கும் உம்மையே ஒரு தந்தையாக காட்டி,
 வாழ்வின் பாதையில் எங்களை வழிநடத்தும்,
 அருள், இரக்கம், மற்றும் தைரியத்தை
 எங்களுக்காக பெற்றுத்தாரும்,
 அனைத்துத் தீமைகளிலிருந்தும் எங்களை
 பாதுகாத்தருளும். ஆமென்.





万福，赎世主的守护者，
童贞圣母玛利亚的净配。
天主把祂的独生子托付予你；
你的净配玛利亚信赖你，
因你的合作，基督降生成人。

大圣若瑟，
请向我们显示你也是我们的父亲，
并在人生的旅途上引领我们。
请为我们祈获恩宠、慈悲和勇气，
并保护我们免于一切凶恶。
阿们。

教宗方济各鼓励信友
每日诵念：
大圣若瑟年祷词





Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

*A Prayer to St. Joseph,
encouraged by Pope
Francis for all to pray*

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen





My Dear People of God,
I continue to assure my prayers and unity with all of
you as we journey together, contemplating on the
passion, death and resurrection of Christ. I leave you
with these words of Pope Francis for this Lent.
May the light of Easter strengthen your relationship
with Christ evermore!

**"Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized
and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity,
respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society"
(Fratelli Tutti, 187)**