

Letter from Bishop of Penang on Inaugural Malaysian Catholic Clergy Assembly, 16 – 20 July 2018, Johor.



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Dear Bishop Emeritus, Fathers, Deacons, Consecrated Men & Women, and the Lay Faithful,

Re: Malaysian Catholic Clergy Assembly (MCCA) 2018

Greetings of Joy, Mercy and Hope!

The inaugural Malaysian Catholic Clergy Assembly will be held in MAJODI Centre, Plentong from 16th to 20th July 2018. As all clergy from the archdioceses and dioceses of Malaysia (Peninsular, Sabah and Sarawak) will be attending this historical meeting, I, the Bishop of Penang hereby decree the following for our diocese:

- a) There will be no daily Masses in all parishes and Mass centres during this period.
- b) Funerals may be celebrated with Service of the Word and Holy Communion by lay ministers duly appointed and commissioned in the respective parishes. Communion to the sick (including viaticum) may be administered by duly appointed lay ministers (*refer attached*).

I invite you to disseminate this information to all. Please also publish it in your parish bulletins and announce it at all masses on the weekends of 8th & 15th July 2018.

In solidarity with the entire clergy of the nation, I humbly request for your kind prayers and intercessions for this grace-filled gathering especially during the days of the assembly.

Let us continue to keep each other in prayer, journeying together as a Malaysian Catholic Church.

"Be Disciples of Hope"

Sincerely in Christ,

Sebastian Francis

Rt. Rev. Sebastian Francis
Bishop of Penang

