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*4th Notification and Updates
in the Diocese of Penang*

FOR INTERNAL CIRCULATION ONLY
INTENDED FOR ALL THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



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

GREETINGS OF HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE!

IT IS IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL OF YOU AND WITH UTMOST GRATITUDE
THAT I GREET YOU A BLESSED YEAR IN THE LORD 2021!

THIS NOTIFICATION WILL BE IN THREE PARTS

A general update of the happenings in the Diocese of Penang

Some important dates to highlight & remember

And it concludes with an overview of the larger mission of Christ which each one of us are a part of.



PART ONE

HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



PETER'S PENCE 2020

The Diocese of Penang has remitted RM35,000 for Peter's Pence Collection 2020. Parishes who have yet to make their contributions for 2020, kindly do so by cheque or online transfer.

Payable to: DIOCESE OF PENANG

RHB Account No: 2-07082-0005132-4

Kindly notify payment to: trcfin@gmail.com

CANON 1271

The Diocese of Penang has contributed RM40,000 for the annual contribution under Canon 1271 exclusively for the institutional activities of the Holy See, namely the nunciatures.

CARITAS - PENANG / POHD

Ms. Juanita Chin has been appointed Administrator for CARITAS - Penang

We thank Mr. Gerard Robless for his years of dedicated & committed service as we welcome Mr. Bernard Han, the new Director of Lighthouse and Member of the BOM for POHD.

The Diocese of Penang through CARITAS PENANG / Penang Office for Human Development, has contributed RM50,000 each to Melaka-Johor Diocese & Archdiocese of KL for flood relief. To support future disaster relief initiatives, contributions can be made at the following:

Payable to:

PENANG OFFICE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Maybank Account No: 507068315122

Kindly notify payment to: pohd@pgdiocese.org



SACERDOTAL ORDINATION

Deacon Konstend Gnanapragasam has been accepted for the ordination to the priesthood and will continue to be serving in the Diocese of Penang after his ordination.

Details of the ordination will be announced later. Thank you for your prayers and continue to pray for him.

FMDM COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM) has set up a community house in Taiping, Perak.

Community House La Verna

69 Lorong Bintang, Taman Tasik Permai

34000 Taiping Perak

Sister of the House: Sr. Cyrilla Baptist

LAUDATO SI' AS A PARISH

We congratulate the Church of Divine Mercy, Sg. Ara in their initiatives to promote and live more radically the call for Creation Justice.

This effort as a parish has received Vatican recognition.

Let us all strive to continue this mission for Creation Justice.

LENTEN KIT 2021

The Diocese of Penang will be preparing a Lenten Kit 2021 for Ash Wednesday & Holy Week 2021.

The 1st release will be on 14th Feb 2021
for Ash Wednesday

The 2nd release will be on 21st Mar 2021
for the days of Holy Week

RITE OF ELECTION 2021 FOR THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

The Rite of Election 2021 will continue this year and it will be held online.

DATE	20TH FEBRUARY 2020 (SATURDAY)
TIME	6.00 PM
LIVE-STREAMED FROM	CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
CELEBRANT	RT. REV. SEBASTIAN FRANCIS
LINK TO FOLLOW	Youtube.com/c/PgDioceseLive

Parishes are requested to provide the details of the RCIA catechumens by 10th February 2021

Contact Person: Ms. Mary Nunis-Lee

Email: mmn20050101@gmail.com

SEMINARIANS OF PENANG DIOCESE

Our seminarians from St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching and College General Major Seminary, Penang are currently posted to various parishes in the diocese for their pastoral exposure. Let us remember them in our prayers.



PART TWO

IMPORTANT DATES TO HIGHLIGHT AND REMEMBER



SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

22TH-24TH

"Every 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God" - *Pope Francis*

The Catholic Biblical Federation has prepared the Liturgical Pastoral Resource 2021 which includes various materials and also the Enthronement of the Bible which can be done with the family.

<https://c-b-f.org/en/Materials/Biblical-Pastoral-Resources/SotWoG-2021>

CARITAS MALAYSIA ASSEMBLY - ONLINE

26TH-28TH

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

29TH-31ST

Theme for 2021 Parish Communities: Agents of Faith, Hope, Love

Catechesis is the responsibility of the whole parish community. Let us commit ourselves to the task of catechesis.

JANUARY

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



PERMANENT DEACONS' FORMATION

3RD

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN FRATERNITY

4TH

The United Nations General Assembly decided unanimously that Feb 4th, be observed each year as the International Day of Human Fraternity, starting in 2021.

Member states, the UN system and others are invited to observe the date in a manner each would consider appropriate.

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CHINESE / LUNAR NEW YEAR

12TH-13TH

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei (CBCMSB) grants dispensation from abstinence to all the faithful celebrating CNY on 12, 19 & 26 February.

However, all are asked to observe the regular fast and abstinence for Ash Wednesday on 17 February.

FEBRUARY

WORLD HARMONY WEEK



FEBRUARY

THANKSGIVING MASS
COMMEMORATING MT. MIRIAM'S
45TH ANNIVERSARY 19TH

RITE OF ELECTION 2021 FOR THE
DIOCESE OF PENANG 20TH

CLERGY MONTHLY RECOLLECTION
(CMR) - ONLINE 23RD - 24TH

FEDERATION OF ASIAN BISHOPS'
CONFERENCE (FABC) - ONLINE 23RD - 25TH



PART THREE

UNITED TOGETHER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST



Pope Francis'
Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde"
(With a Father's Heart)

Year of St. Joseph

8 Dec 2020 - 8 Dec 2021

(Feast of the Immaculate Conception)





COVID-19 pandemic - helps us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.

They resemble St. Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence", who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation".

**Year of
St. Joseph**

Celebrating 150th Anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's Declaration on St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.





A beloved, tender, obedient father

A creatively courageous and loving father

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work



A father "in the shadows", centered on Mary and Jesus

Welcoming the Will of God



A DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH... AND A CHALLENGE



"My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power".



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





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

Journeying Together As Peoples of Asia





YEAR 2022



**SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE AS THE
CHURCH OF ASIA**

Telling the Story of Jesus in Asia as Asians and to the world

**"BUT GOD WARNED THE WISE MEN IN A DREAM NOT TO GO BACK TO HEROD,
SO THEY WENT HOME TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY BY A DIFFERENT WAY."**

MATTHEW 2:12



JOURNEY TOWARDS PAN MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION 2026 (PMPC 2026)

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

50TH FABC

Journey of Galib Malaysia

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2021
Parish Pastoral Assembly

2022
Diocesan Pastoral Assembly
Pan Malaysia Religious Convention

2023
Regional Pastoral Assembly
Sabah, Sarawak, Semenanjung

2024
Salib Malaysia in the Diocese of Penang



2025
Malaysian Youth Day

2026
PMPC 2026
August @ MAJODI

FOCUS
FAMILY . CHURCH . SOCIAL REALITIES . ECOLOGY
SEE + JUDGE + ACT



**THE CHURCH
REACHING
OUT IN
MERCY**

Vision

The Catholic Church in Malaysia coming together as clergy, religious and laity to **CELEBRATE, LISTEN and WALK** in the Light of the LORD (cf. Isaiah 2: 2-5)

**THE CHURCH
COMMUNICATING
FULLNESS OF LIFE**

**THE CHURCH
GROWING
IN HOLINESS**

OBJECTIVES OF PMPC 2026

**THE CHURCH
AS THE
VOICE OF
THE PEOPLE**



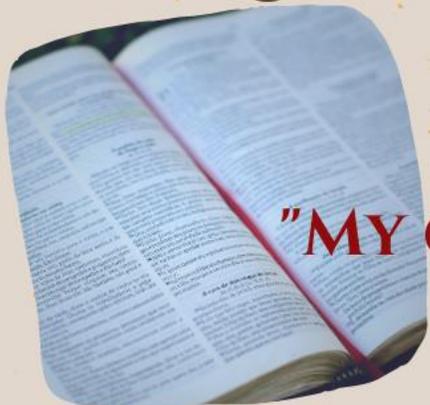
**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA
PASTORAL THEME 2021**

HOPE BELIEVE, LIVE & GIVE

KEEP HOPE ALIVE



*My Dear People of God,
The mission continues regardless of the situations that surround us.
The grace of God will sustain us and see us through.
Therefore, continue the mission of Christ as
ONE BODY of Christ.
Let us go ahead and move forward together encouraged
by His Words.*



"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU" - 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9