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***Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

Dear Rev. Fathers, Deacons, Consecrated Men & Women,
Heads of Ministries and Lay Faithful,

Greetings in the Lord!

I thank you for your unity and kind solidarity with the Malaysian Catholic Church on this day of prayer and fasting to invoke Saint Joseph's intercession and God's intervention for an end to this crisis.



Let us pray without ceasing pleading for healing and comfort for all affected by COVID-19 and their afflicted families, protection and courage for all healthcare workers, wisdom and guidance for the researchers to develop effective solution in combating this pandemic, together with government authorities in enforcing appropriate steps to halt its spread.

I humbly appeal to you, my Dear People of God, as I pray with you and for you, to remain steadfast in faith and hope, surrendering all our fears and uncertainties to the Lord.

With the intercession of Mary our Mother and Spouse St. Joseph, let us continue to remain united in prayer and spiritual communion at the Eucharistic Celebration today at 8.00 pm. I invite you to share this information and link with others: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LiveOnlinePenang>

It is my hope that this information and link be shared to all parish communities of all the 4 languages as well as the chapels, parish centres, ministries and religious communities involving clergy, religious and laity.

I wish you all God's blessings as we partake in this prayerful and spirit-filled journey together.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Rt. Rev. Sebastian Francis
Bishop of Penang**