



# 12TH NOTIFICATION & UPDATES

In the Diocese of Penang  
(April 2022)

**BE MINDFUL OF WHATEVER DESERVES PRAISE AND ADMIRATION.  
FINALLY, BROTHERS AND SISTERS,  
FILL YOUR MINDS WITH WHATEVER IS TRUTHFUL,  
HOLY, JUST, PURE, LOVELY AND NOBLE (PHIL 4:8)**

Holy Week (10 April - 16 April)

Easter Sunday (17 April)

World Day of Creativity & Innovation (21 April)

Divine Mercy Sunday (24 April)



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

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CATHOLIC FAITHFUL IN THE  
DIOCESE OF PENANG

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# Bishop's Reflection

*Communion, Participation and Mission is anchored on three foundational realities.*

- 1. An ecclesial and personal experience of the DEATH of Jesus Christ.*
- 2. An ecclesial and personal experience of the RESURRECTION of Jesus Christ.*
- 3. An ecclesial and personal experience of the OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

*I wish each and every one of you the blessings that flow from the above three events that make up the Paschal Mystery.*



My Dear People of God,

Count on my prayers and unity for you as you intensify your Lenten journey and walk through more closely the PASSION, DEATH and glorious RESURRECTION especially at Holy Week. I wish you Peace and resonate together with Pope Francis, "Let us not grow tired of doing good. For in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all."

~ BISHOP SEBASTIAN FRANCIS ~



# HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE



## 1 [FORUM ON LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION BY FEDERATION OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOOLS, MALAYSIA \(FCMSM\)](#)

The Federation of Christian Mission Schools, Malaysia (FCMSM) is seeking support in addressing the problem of finding suitable principals, head teachers and leaders in our Mission Schools. FCMSM is organizing a Forum on “**Crisis in Leadership Succession in Mission Schools**”. I urge all boards, teachers, schools, churches and members to participate in this forum. The details and registration can be found [here](#).

## 2 [DIACONATE ORDINATION OF BRO. ANDREW KHOO HSIEN MING](#)

We congratulate the newly ordained **Deacon Andrew Khoo Hsien Ming** of the Institute of the Incarnate Word who was ordained deacon on 25th March 2022, Feast of the Annunciation at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Sebastian Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines. The Diocese of Penang, together with his home parish, Immaculate Conception, Penang rejoices in celebration. Let us remember him and the community of the Institute of the Incarnate Word in prayer for their mission.

## 3 [EXTERNAL LECTURERS AT COLLEGE GENERAL MAJOR SEMINARY, PENANG](#)

**Rev. Fr. Edwin Peter & Rev. Fr. Stanley Antoni** will be lecturing at College General Major Seminary Penang as an external lecturer for Philosophy beginning from the Academic Year 2022. Let us remember them in our prayers with gratitude for their generous availability in accepting this role and mission.

## 4 [RCIA CANDIDATES TO BE BAPTISED AT EASTER VIGIL](#)

Having completed the Rite of Election on 5th & 6th March, I am delighted to inform you that 112 adult RCIA candidates will be baptized together with several other adults this Easter in our Diocese. **Please join me in praying for them every day until their Baptism.**

## 5 [FACULTY FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022](#)

I take this opportunity to thank all priests and deacons for your faithfulness and perseverance in remaining hopeful for the people of God during this time of grace. I humbly request all parishes to continue providing liturgical and sacramental services of Baptism for Infants & Adults, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony in creative ways while adhering to the current regulations and guidelines advised by the authorities. I am **granting all priests in the Diocese of Penang the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation until end of this year**. Nevertheless, I can still be present if I am available.



## 6 [CHRISM MASS 2022](#)

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on **5th April, 8.00 pm, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang**. All are welcome to attend this celebration at the Cathedral. This Mass will also be live-streamed to all. Link: <https://bit.ly/3Lr7DLb>

## 7 [ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND](#)

The **collection for Holy Land** will resume on Good Friday this year. Parishes can make their contributions by cheque or online transfer.

**Payable to: Diocese of Penang | RHB Account No: 2-07082-0005132-4**

**Kindly notify payment to: [trcfin@gmail.com](mailto:trcfin@gmail.com)**

## 8 [CARITAS PENANG LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2022](#)

In conjunction with the Lenten Campaign 2022, Caritas Penang presented RM5,000 to all parishes in the Diocese of Penang totalling RM145,000 as a special fund to promote and support the Lenten Campaign initiatives in the area of Welfare and Integral Human Development. For more updates on Caritas Penang and to make your personal Lenten contributions, kindly [click here](#).

## 9 [CARITAS MALAYSIA – HUMANITARIAN APPEAL FOR UKRAINE](#)

Caritas Malaysia joins in the global Caritas Confederation in their emergency appeal to support the humanitarian relief efforts of Caritas Ukraine. [Click here](#).

## 10 [TEN \(10\) SESSIONS ON LECTIO: EVANGELIZATION BY DR. MARY HEALY](#)

The Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission is organizing sessions on Tuesdays from 10 May - 12 July 2022. Feel free to register by 30 April. The details can be found [here](#).

## 11 [PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME & FOCUS FOR 2022](#)

The Liturgical Celebrations for 2022 along with the overall theme and monthly focus for the year has been compiled for your easy reference. [Click here](#).

## 12 [RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE FACILITATORS](#)

There is a recruitment drive for interested individuals who would like to be facilitators for Bible Knowledge. There is a growing need for facilitators on this subject. All are welcome and encouraged to assist. The contact details can be found in this [poster](#).

## 13 [ONCE WAS LOST BUT NOW FOUND | THE SEVENTH STATION](#)

Handed to the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Nelson Chitty on 25th March 2022, Feast of the Annunciation, was a lost and found treasure after 15 years. The prayers of the parishioners of the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau were finally answered when the Seventh Station of the 14-Piece Way of the Cross was returned by Archbishop Julian Leow to Bishop Sebastian Francis recently during a meeting in Penang. It was returned by an antique buyer from Kuala Lumpur who upon discovering that it was stolen in 2007 from the Balik Pulau Church, handed it over to Archbishop Julian Leow. This Seventh Station will be reinstated in the parish at Balik Pulau, completing the Fourteen Stations of the Cross. [Click here](#).



# Bishop's Diary

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| 5 APR             | Council of Priests (COP) – Stella Maris<br>Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR) – Stella Maris<br>Chrism Mass – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit (8pm – Live-broadcast) |
| 6 APR             | Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR) – Stella Maris<br>Permanent Deacons' Formation – Stella Maris  |
| 7 APR             | Permanent Deacons' Formation – Stella Maris  |
| 9–17 APR          | Holy Week & Easter – Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam  |
| 19–21 APR         | Permanent Deacons' Outing – Cameron Highlands  |
| 23 APR            | Peninsular Malaysia Service Team (PMST) Meeting  |
| 24 APR            | Visit to Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM)<br>Community House La Verna – Taiping<br>Pre-Synodal Deanery Assembly – Perak Deanery           |
| 27 APR            | Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting<br>– Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam  |
| 28 APR            | Penang Diocesan Education Council (PDEC) Meeting<br>– Pusat Keuskupan Katolik  |
| 30 APR –<br>2 MAY | CHARIS Malaysia – Life in the Spirit Seminar (Bahasa)  |

## Pope's Prayer Intention For April

FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

