



# 20TH NOTIFICATION & UPDATES

In the Diocese of Penang

(December 2022)

May the grace and blessings of Advent bring HOPE, JOY, PEACE  
and LOVE in your journey as Missionary Disciples of Christ.

THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A  
SON, AND HE WILL BE CALLED EMMANUEL  
WHICH MEANS GOD-WITH-US  
(MT 1:23)

**Month of December Peninsular Malaysia**

**Pastoral Focus:**

CHRISTMAS SEASON (25 DEC - 1 Jan 2023)



INTENDED FOR ALL THE  
CATHOLIC FAITHFUL IN  
THE DIOCESE OF PENANG  
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# HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE

## **1. FMM MISSION AND PRESENCE IN KOTA BHARU, KELANTAN**

Sr. Enid Lopez has been transferred to Assunta Convent, Petaling Jaya since 30th September 2022. We thank her for her contributions and services in Kota Bharu and the Diocese of Penang.

Sr. Angela Wong from Villa Hermine, Petaling Jaya will begin her mission here in the diocese with effect from December 2022. Her mission in the diocese is mainly to reach out to Catholics in the outstation posts of Kota Bharu parish. As a counsellor, she will also serve the College of Nursing in Petaling Jaya, if and when the need arises, within her capacity. We warmly welcome her to the diocese as she contributes to the building of the FMM community in the Diocese of Penang.

## **2. RESIDENT CHAPLAIN AT LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR (LSP)**

Fr. Oliver Tham OFM has been appointed Resident Chaplain at the Little Sisters of the Poor from November 2022 – August 2023. He will also be available to assist priests in celebrating masses in the diocese and other pastoral needs when required. He has requested to the Provincial and Custody Council a Leave of Absence from the Order which has been granted for a year.

## **3. PRIEST FOR KOREAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG**

Rev. Fr. Daniel Kim Gil Sang, a Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Chuncheon, South Korea has been assigned to the Diocese of Penang for the pastoral needs of the Korean Catholic Community with effect from November 2022. We welcome him with great joy and gratitude for his mission here in the diocese.

## **4. EVENTS & PROGRAMS BY PENANG DIOCESAN MINISTRIES FOR 2023**

To follow the latest events organized by the ministries in the Diocese of Penang, please click here: <https://www.pgdiocese.org/latest-events>

## **5. STONYHURST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PENANG**

The official opening of the Stonyhurst International School Penang situated at Tanjung Tokong will be on 16th Dec 2022. More information on this new international school can be found at the link provided: [www.stonyhurstpenang.edu.my](http://www.stonyhurstpenang.edu.my)

## **6. 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. XAVIER'S INSTITUTION, PENANG**

There will be a thanksgiving mass at 5.00pm on 17th Dec 2022 in Assumption Church to commemorate the 170 years of establishment of this oldest Lasallian institution in Asia, located at Farquhar Street, Penang. The Diocese of Penang shares sentiments of joy and felicitations in congratulating and celebrating together with Bro Jason Blaikie and all the De La Salle Brothers along with the entire community of St. Xavier's Institution, Penang.

## **7. FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (FSIC)**

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (FSIC) will be away from the Diocese from 8th December to 2nd January 2023 for their retreat. We wish them a fruitful and grace-filled retreat in Sabah.



# HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE

## 8. KONGREGASI PUTRI KARMEL IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

We welcome the new superior, Sr. Irene Marie P.Karm. Along with her in the community at Bukit Mertajam are 5 other sisters, namely Sr. Mary Jacinta P. Karm, Sr. Mary Bridge P. Karm, Sr. Anastasia Maria P. Karm and Sr. Mary Odilia P. Karm. With great joy and gratitude, let us remember the community in prayer for their mission.

## 9. PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT | CANDIDATE FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Dave Kameron has been posted to the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam for his ongoing formation as candidate for the Permanent Diaconate under the guidance of Deacon Lazarus Jonathan with effect from 1st November 2022. Heartfelt thanks to Rev. Fr. Joachim Robert for the guidance and formation for Dave at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang prior to this new assignment. Let us remember all candidates to the Permanent Diaconate in our prayers.

## 10. PENANG DIOCESAN LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Rev. Fr. Martin Arlando has been appointed Head of Penang Diocesan Liturgical Commission replacing Rev. Fr. Vincent Paul with effect from 1st December 2022. We thank Fr. Vincent Paul for his dedicated and committed services in this ministry, and welcome Fr. Martin Arlando with gratitude for his generous availability in accepting this new role and mission.

## 11. CHURCH OF RISEN CHRIST, AIR ITAM

With effect from 1st January 2023, below are the changes for the parish of Risen Christ, Air Itam.

**Parish Priest in Canonical Residence - Friar Esmond Chua OFM**

**Assistant Priest in Canonical Residence - Friar Crispus Mosinoh OFM**

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank Fr. Arulmariadas OFM and Fr. Oliver Tham OFM for having served and ministered to the community in this parish.

## 12. POSTULANT DIRECTOR FOR ORDER OF FRANCISCAN MINORS (OFM)

Friar Cosmas Francis OFM will be the Postulant Director of the Penang Franciscan Friary, residing at Jalan Gajah with effect from January 2023.

## Pope's Prayer Intentions for December

### *Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations*

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



# HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE

## 13. CLERGY UPDATES FOR THE DIOCESE OF PENANG EFFECTIVE 1ST DECEMBER 2022.

<u>MEMBERS OF COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS</u>	
Msgr. Henry Rajoo	Vicar General & Dean for Northern Deanery
Msgr. Stephen Liew	Vicar General & Dean for Perak Deanery
Msgr. Jude Miranda	Vicar General & Dean for Penang Island Deanery
Rev. Fr. Joseph Stephen, CSsR	Vicar for Religious
Rev. Fr. Victor Louis	Chancellor
Rev. Fr. Dominic Santhiyagu	Vice Chancellor
<u>MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF PRIESTS</u>	
Msgr. Henry Rajoo	Vicar General & Dean for Northern Deanery
Msgr. Stephen Liew	Vicar General & Dean for Perak Deanery Member of Penang Diocesan Education Council
Msgr. Jude Miranda	Vicar General & Dean for Penang Island Deanery Member of Penang Diocesan Finance Committee
Rev. Fr. Joseph Stephen, CSsR	Vicar for Religious
Rev. Fr. Victor Louis	Chancellor
Rev. Fr. Dominic Santhiyagu	Vice Chancellor & Asst. Dean for Northern Deanery Member of Penang Diocesan Finance Committee
Rev. Fr. Francis Andrew	Asst. Dean for Perak Deanery
Rev. Fr. Michael Raymond, OFM Cap	Asst. Dean for Penang Island Deanery



# Bishop's Diary

1-4 DEC	Malacca-Johore Diocese 50 Years Jubilee Celebration (MJD50)
4 DEC	Parish Pastoral Assembly, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 3PM
7 DEC	Meeting with Focolare Zone Directors, Veronika & Glauco, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 6PM
7 DEC	Penitential Service, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 8PM
8 DEC	Thanksgiving Mass   Jubilee of Sister Alexis de Ste Madeliene - 75 years of Religious vows. Renewing of vows for all Little Sisters of the Poor @ 10AM, Little Sisters of the Poor, Batu Lanchang
8 DEC	Mass - Feast of Immaculate Conception, Church of Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus @ 8PM
9 DEC	Confirmation - Church of St. Michael, Alor Setar @ 7.30PM
10 DEC	Confirmation - Church of St. Anthony, Nibong Tebal @ 7PM
11 DEC	Mass at 5pm followed by Christmas Celebration, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus @ 6.30pm
16 DEC	Meeting with Minister General of Capuchins, Rev. Fr. Roberto Genuin OFM Cap from Rome @ 4PM, Bishop's Residence
17 DEC	Thanksgiving Mass at Assumption Church @ 5.00pm in conjunction with 170 Years of St. Xavier's Institution, Penang
19 DEC	Meeting with Liturgy Team of Inauguration for Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 10AM
20 DEC	Mass & Meeting with Penang Diocesan Seminarians from College General & St. Peter's, Kuching @ 9AM
24 DEC	Christmas Eve - Tamil Mass, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 6PM
24 DEC	Christmas Eve - English Mass, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 10.30PM
25 DEC	Christmas Day - Bahasa Mass, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam @ 10AM



# BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS TO ALL

