



22ND NOTIFICATION & UPDATES IN THE

DIOCESE OF PENANG

F E B R U A R Y

2023



Month of February  
Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Focus:  
**WORLD INTERFAITH & HARMONY  
WEEK**

INTENDED FOR ALL THE  
CATHOLIC FAITHFUL IN  
THE DIOCESE OF PENANG  
*For internal circulation only*





**2 February**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
& World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life



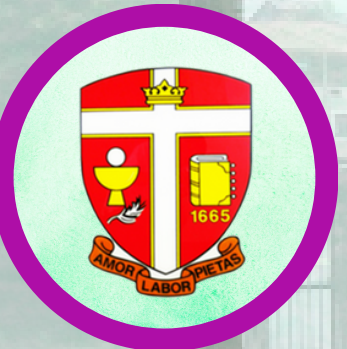
**11 February**

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Silibin)  
& World Day of the Sick



**17 February**

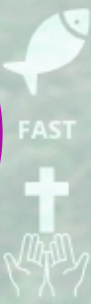
College General Major Seminary Reopens for  
New Academic Year 2023



**22 February**

Ash Wednesday, **RENEW OUR HEARTS TO**  
Beginning of the Season of Lent **Lenten 2023**

Feb 22 - Apr 2, 2023



**23-27 February**

Continental Asian Synod, Bangkok.  
Representing the Catholic Bishops' Conference  
of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei  
*Bishop Bernard Paul, Msgr. Jude Miranda and  
Ms. Anna Teresa Peter Amandus*







## UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

### 1. RIBUAN TERIMA KASIH TO ALL FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE, BUKIT MERTAJAM

My heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed tirelessly in making the Solemn Declaration a blessing. I thank each one of you for your support and assistance and most importantly for gracing this occasion with your presence both physically and online. May grandmother Anne bestow her maternal blessings on all of you.



### 2. CONTINENTAL PHASE OF THE SYNOD REPORT FOR PENANG DIOCESE & MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, BRUNEI

I thank all clergy, religious and laity in the Diocese of Penang who have taken the time and effort to participate and contribute in this synodal process as a diocese. I share with you here the final report for the Diocese of Penang and also the combined report for Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei. [CLICK HERE](#)



### 3. PENANG DIOCESAN LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2023 "RENEW OUR HEARTS TO CARE"

Caritas Penang will present a cheque for Lenten 'Kempen Kasih' to all 29 parishes in the Diocese of Penang. This will be launched and presented by Bishop Sebastian Francis on 11th February 2023, Saturday at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ipoh during the Feast Day Mass. The RM5,000 Kempen Kasih fund presented to each parish in the diocese is to promote and support the Lenten Campaign initiatives and Social Mission work in the area of welfare and integral human development.



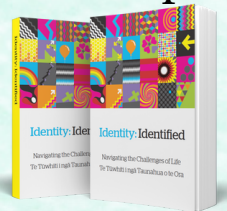




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### 4. YOUTH BIBLE – IDENTITY: IDENTIFIED

Identity: Identified contains the 24 most pressing issues identified as the biggest in young people's lives with advice on how to navigate these challenges and associated ways to identify why God created each one of us in the unique way He did. This Youth Bible which was launched by the Bible Society of Malaysia during the Inauguration of the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam is available at RM40/copy at the Religious Article Centre of St. Anne's BM. Excerpts of this bible is also available in digital version. [CLICK HERE](#)



### 5. STATE GOVERNMENT PENANG CENTENNIAL HERITAGE EXCELLENCE AWARD 2022

The State Government has awarded the Penang Centennial Heritage Excellence Award 2022 to Church of the Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau, Church of the Assumption, Penang and the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. This award was received by representatives from the Church of the Assumption, Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Balik Pulau and members of the Penang Diocesan Catholic Heritage Committee on behalf of the Diocese of Penang from the Chief Minister of Penang on 5th January 2023 at the Eastern and Oriental Hotel, Penang. [CLICK HERE](#)

### 6. PENANG DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL COMMISSION (PDCC) TEAM

Sharing with you the Penang Diocesan Catechetical Commission (PDCC) Team and the PDCC calendar for the Year 2023. We thank all faith formators for their sincere contributions in the faith formation of all in the diocese. [CLICK HERE](#)





## **UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE**

### **7. NOMINEE FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF STONYHURST INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PENANG**

Fr. Francis Lim Chin Choy SJ, the Regional Superior of the Malaysia-Singapore Region of the Society of Jesus, has been nominated by me to be on the Board of Governors of Stonyhurst International School Penang. He was a former principal of St Joseph's Private Secondary School (SJPS), a diocesan-owned school in Kuching, Malaysia from 2012 to 2021.

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

Sr. Rusiah Garuk, FSIC has been transferred to Penang Diocese to be part of the FSIC community here together with Sr. M. Florence Nemesius, FSIC and Sr. Marysia Malating, FSIC. As a team, they will participate in the mission of the local church in the Diocese of Penang and assist in pastoral work, mainly among the Bahasa Malaysia speaking people of Sabah and Sarawak presently working and residing in the five states of the Diocese of Penang.

### **9. HEAD OF PENANG DIOCESAN BAHASA APOSTOLATE**

Sr. Marysia Malating, FSIC has been appointed as Head of the Bahasa Apostolate replacing Sr. Florence Nemesius, FSIC with effect from February 2023. We thank Sr. Marysia for graciously accepting to head this apostolate for the Diocese of Penang. As a team, Sr. Marysia, Sr. Florence and Sr. Rusiah will continue their mission in this apostolate. We thank them for their dedication and commitment to this apostolate.





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### 10. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR ST. JOSEPH'S HOME

With grateful hearts, we thank Puan Tan Lean Kee and Madam Frances Chan for their valuable contribution and years of dedicated services and commitment to St. Joseph's Home as they move on and embark on new missions entrusted to them.

### 11. OFFICIAL FUNCTION TO COMMEMORATE BRO. JOHN MOH, FMS

There will be an official function of unveiling and blessing of the statue of Bro. John Moh, FMS at SMJK(C) Sam Tet, Ipoh, Perak on 4th February 2023. Bro John Moh served Sam Tet School as its Brother Director tirelessly and selflessly from 1959 until his retirement in 1992. We thank the Marist Brothers for their contributions in the field of education especially in our diocese.

### 12. THE RITE OF ELECTION FOR THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

25th February 2023 (Sat) – Rite of Election for Pg. Island and Northern Deanery

**Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang @ 3.00pm**

26th February 2023 (Sun) – Rite of Election for Perak Deanery  
**Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ipoh @ 5.00pm**

*Let us remember all elects as we remain united in prayer in their new journey of faith.*







## Bishop's Diary for February 2023



4 & 5 Feb	CHARIS Penang Retreat - "Holiness in Leadership", Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM
5 Feb, 7.00pm	Meeting with Triumph Heart of Mary Ministry, Permatang Tinggi
7 Feb, 10.00am	St. Anne's Curia Meeting, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM
11 Feb, 6.00pm	Mass - Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick & Official Launching of Lenten Campaign, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin, Ipoh
13 Feb, 6.00pm	Meeting with Members of the Diocesan Healing and Deliverance Ministry, Stella Maris
13 Feb, 8.00pm	Meeting with Heads of Ministries – Penang Diocesan Pastoral Team, Stella Maris
14 Feb, 10.00am	Council of Priests (COP), Stella Maris
14 & 15 Feb	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR), Stella Maris
15 & 16 Feb	Permanent Deacons' Formation, Stella Maris
18 Feb, 10.30am	Meeting with SSVP for Ozanam Retirement Village (ORV), Diocesan Centre
19 Feb, 10.30am	Mass & Meeting with Auxiliary of the Apostolate, Bishop's Residence
21 Feb, 3.00pm	Mt. Miriam Cancel Hospital (MMCH) 47th Anniversary Mass
25 Feb, 3.00pm	Rite of Election   Penang Island & Northern Deanery, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
26 Feb, 5.00pm	Rite of Election   Perak Deanery, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin, Ipoh, Perak
28 Feb, 3.00pm	Meeting with Menteri Besar of Perlis, Pejabat Menteri Besar, Kangar, Perlis





## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

### FOR PARISHES

**We pray that parishes, placing communion  
at the center, may increasingly become  
communities of faith, fraternity and  
welcome towards those most in need**

