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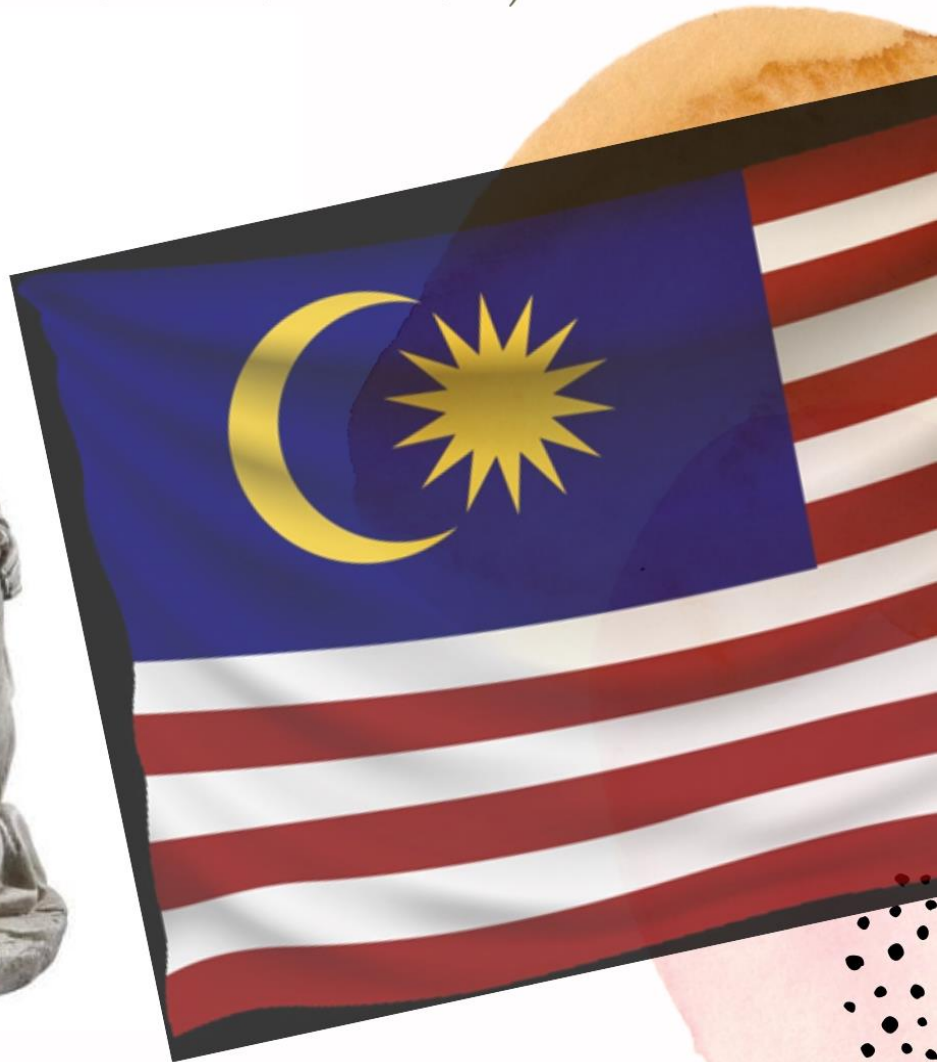
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BISHOP SEBASTIAN FRANCIS



7th Notification in the Diocese of Penang

(JULY - SEPTEMBER 2021)



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**INTENDED FOR ALL
THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL
IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG**



My Dear People of God in Kelantan, Perlis, Perak, Kedah & Penang,

I greet you from the Shrine of Harmony, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Anne, Our Grandmother of Hope, from 1st July - 1st August 2021!

Let us continue to **KEEP HOPE ALIVE** as we **Believe in HOPE, Live in HOPE** and **Give HOPE** to all, in and through our daily lives.

I will be residing here at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne until the end of the Feast of St. Anne on 1st August 2021 and will be keeping all of you close in prayer daily.

HERE I WISH TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG AND SOME IMPORTANT DATES FROM JULY - SEPTEMBER TO HIGHLIGHT AND REMEMBER.

• **Virtual Feast of St. Anne 2021**

The Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM will continue the celebration of the Feast of St. Anne this year VIRTUALLY due to the current volatile situation. All are invited to join in this virtual celebration. The Prayer Hotline initiative has started from 1st June until 1st August this year. Those who wish to call, requesting for prayers, may do so and invite others as well to call this line. All details can be found at the link provided.

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• **Apostolic Vicariate of Brunei Darussalam**

On behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei, I remember with gratitude the gift of life and blessing His Eminence, Cardinal Cornelius Sim, has been to the Catholic Church of Brunei and in our region. Sharing with you the below link in remembrance of him.

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Monsignor Robert Leong, has been appointed as Diocesan Administrator. Let us keep him and the community of the Apostolic Vicariate of Brunei Darussalam in our prayers.

• **CHARIS Malaysia Representative & Head of Penang Diocesan Service of Communion (PDSC)**

In thanksgiving, we praise God for the gift of Andre Ong who has served the Diocese of Penang and completed his mission faithfully to the very end, as we pray for a new successor to take over this mission.

• **EXCO CHARIS Malaysia – Youth Representative**

Paul Simon Julianose has been appointed to the EXCO of CHARIS Malaysia, representing the Youth of Malaysia with immediate effect. We thank him for his generous availability in accepting this new role.

• **Parish Pastoral Assembly 2021/2022**

I wish to share with you the below message on the Parish Pastoral Assembly 2021/2022 for us to reflect on what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church of Malaysia today. My blessings for your contributions.

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- **Penang Diocesan Laity Representative for Pan Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026**

Mr. Ramesh Victor has been appointed as the Lay Representative for our diocese as we journey together in preparation towards the Pan Malaysia Pastoral Convention 2026. He will work in close collaboration with Fr. Jude Miranda, who is the Clergy Representative of our Diocese.

- **Appeal by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar**

The Bishops' Conference of Myanmar continues to appeal for earnest prayers for the people of Myanmar through daily masses and prayer, adoration and rosary. Let us continue to pray for PEACE to reign in Myanmar, in the world and in the hearts of every one.

- **New Appointment of Rev. Fr. Joseph Stephen, CSsR**

Rev. Fr. Joseph Stephen, CSsR has been appointed Resident Assistant Priest to Rev. Fr. Vincent Paul at the Parish of St. Francis de Sales and its various outstation communities with effect from 1st August 2021 until end of December 2021.

- **Canonical Retirement of Deacon Rocky Loo**

Rev. Deacon Rocky Loo has reached the canonical age of retirement of 75 years and will return to his family residence in Taiping as Retired Deacon with effect from 1st August 2021. We thank him for his years of diaconate life & ministry since his ordination on 10th November 2017.

- **St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching**

Rev. Fr. Cyril Mannayagam from the Diocese of Melaka-Johore has been appointed Resident Spiritual Father of the House and Formator of St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching, Sarawak. He is the third priest who has been sent on mission from Peninsular Malaysia after Rev. Fr. Francis Anthony and Fr. Varghese Lopez.

- **FORMED.THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND for the Diocese of Penang**



The Diocese of Penang has subscribed to Formed.org so that ALL individuals, families, ministries and communities can access to Catholic programs, talks, movies and other materials for free.

Kindly share this enriching resource with all. Details for self-registration:

[CLICK HERE](#)

- **Symbols of the Office of Bishop**

Here is a short video which I wish to share with you on the symbols of the Office of Bishop.

[CLICK HERE](#)

- **Herald Malaysia Publication**

Representing the Diocese of Penang, I express our profound gratitude to Fr. Lawrence Andrews for the tremendous efforts in bringing the Herald to where it is today from its inception on 8 September 1994. The new editor of the Herald Malaysia newspaper will be Ms Patricia Pereira, with effect from 1 July 2021.

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- **Prayer Intercession for Pope Francis**

I ask and encourage all our faithful - clergy, religious, laity to pray to the Lord and through Mother Mary's intercession for the speedy recovery of our beloved Pope Francis. Let us pray together for his complete recovery that he can continue to lead the Church of Christ. Amen.



25 JULY 2021

THEME: "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS" (MT 28:20)

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RELEVANT MATERIALS FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY FOR
GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

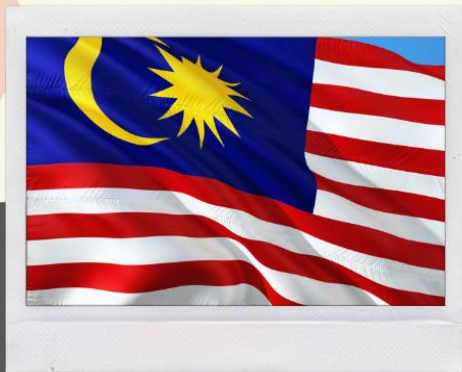
1st World Day for Grandparents & Elderly

Beginning 2021, it will be celebrated annually on the 4th Sunday of July, close to the Liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus on 26 July yearly



15 August 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



31 August

● National Day

16 September

● Malaysia Day

CHARIS Malaysia will be organizing a Novena to the Holy Spirit for Malaysia Day beginning 7 - 15 September

SEASON OF CREATION 2021: 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

Concludes on 4th October with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

More information will be made available on <https://www.pgdiocese.org/creation-justice-commission-penang>

26 SEPTEMBER 2021

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

CELEBRATED EVERY LAST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER



MIGRANTS
REFUGEES

IMPORTANT DATES TO HIGHLIGHT & REMEMBER



Bishop's Diary (Jul - Sep 2021)

ALL MEETINGS & EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

JULY 2021

OPEN YOUR MOUTH, DEFEND THE OPPRESSED (PRO 31: 8-9)
WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

1 Jul - 1 Aug	Virtual Feast of St. Anne 2021	https://www.minorbasilicastannebm.com/ https://youtube.com/c/BasilicaofStAnneBM
12 Jul - (26 Nov)	Re-Opening of College General for 2nd Semester	
13 Jul	Board Meeting - Simee Home for the Aged	
23 Jul	Launching of the Parish Community Project (ABLAZE) <i>Institute for New Evangelization (INE)</i>	

AUGUST 2021

MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE (LK 1: 37-38)
ASSUMPTION OF MARY

2 Aug	Return to Penang Island	21 Aug	PDYN - Youth Café
3 Aug	Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting	22 Aug	Life in Christ 2021 for Newly Baptized Belonging to a Fireplace <i>Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission</i>
9 - 13 Aug	Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei	25 Aug	Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Core Team Meeting
17 Aug	Council of Priests	26 Aug	CHARIS Malaysia General Meeting
18 Aug	Clergy Monthly Recollection	31 Aug	Prayer for Unity in Malaysia <i>Penang Diocesan Service Communion</i>
19 Aug	CHARIS Malaysia Exco Meeting Penang Diocesan Education Council		

SEPTEMBER 2021

ALL THE EARTH PROCLAIMS THE LORD (ROM 8: 18-21)
WORLD DAY FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

1 Sep - (4 Oct)	A Call to Celebrate the Season of Creation 2021		
7 Sep & 9 Sep	Psalms - The School of Prayer Psalms of Praise & Thanksgiving <i>Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission</i>		
7 - 15 Sep	Novena to the Holy Spirit for Malaysia Day CHARIS Malaysia - By All 9 Dioceses in Malaysia	6 - 10 Sep	Clergy Annual Retreat 1
10 - 12 Sep	Annual Youth Convention (Mandarin) <i>Legion of Mary Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei</i>	20 - 24 Sep	Clergy Annual Retreat 2

United in Spirit, let us move forward together as a Church that is
Creative, Inclusive & Bridge-building.