



34TH NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



My Dear People of God in Perak, Perlis, Kedah, Kelantan and Penang, as we move into the second month of the year and continue to be witnesses to God's love and blessings, I invite you to take an interior journey that reaches out to others as we prepare and journey through the Season of Lent.

May the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Alms-Giving nourish us, and through us nourish others. May the Spirit of the Lord be upon you as you bear witness to the Love of Christ in your lives. I remain united with all of you in prayer.

Cardinal Sebastian Francis



MONTH OF FEBRUARY PENINSULAR
MALAYSIA PASTORAL FOCUS –
CELEBRATING HUMAN FRATERNITY

February 2024



CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



2nd February 2024

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

4th February 2024

**International Day of Human
Fraternity | Inter-Religious Dialogue**



8th February 2024

**International Day of Prayer and
Awareness Against Human Trafficking**



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CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

11th February 2024

**World Day of the Sick & Feast of Our
Lady of Lourdes (Parish of Our Lady
of Lourdes, Ipoh)**



14th February 2024

**Ash Wednesday, Beginning of
the Season of Lent**

15th February 2024

**College General Major Seminary
Reopens for New Academic
Year 2024**



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UPDATES & HAPPENINGS



OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG :

1. RIBUAN TERIMA KASIH TO ALL FOR THE THANKSGIVING SOLEMN MASS ON THE APPOINTMENT TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS

My heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your prayers, blessings, support and arrangements during the recent celebration of the Thanksgiving Solemn Mass at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. I humbly ask for your continued prayers for me, as I pray for you, in my new role and responsibilities for the mission entrusted in the diocese and beyond.

2. PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON GEORGE VAITHYNATHAN

Let us remember Deacon George Vaithynathan from the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin as he prepares himself to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders at his priestly ordination on 2nd February 2024 @ 7.00pm, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin, Ipoh. Your prayers are essential in the mission of the priesthood. For those who are unable to be present in Ipoh to witness this ordination, are most welcome to follow this celebration online.

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3. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATION LIFE

I invite you to pray more intensely on this day for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. Let us thank God for the gift of them and their vocation as we remember to thank them on their special day. The Diocese of Penang will celebrate this day on 2nd February 2024 @ 7.00pm together with the priestly ordination. Live streaming can be followed at the same link of the ordination.

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4. PENANG DIOCESAN LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2024 | TOGETHER WE REBUILD OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND COMMON HOME

Sharing with you the Lenten Campaign Kit 2024 and the available resources for this year's Lenten Season at the Caritas Penang Website. I wish you a blessed preparation and journey of Lent 2024.

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5. APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT PARISH PRIEST | CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH, BAGAN SERAI

I am pleased to inform that Rev. Fr. Stanley Antoni has been appointed Resident Parish Priest of the Parish of St. Joseph, Bagan Serai with effect from 16 January 2024. We wish him the very best and continue to keep him in prayers as he embarks on this new mission, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. I take this opportunity to also thank Msgr. Stephen Liew and Deacon Charles Lazaroo who has been administering in parish and looking into the needs of the community.

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6. HEARTFELT THANKS TO SR. MARYSIA MALATING AND SR. M. RUSIAH GARUK | INCOMING SR. M. LUCYNIA JEPRIN

The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (FSIC), Sr. Marysia & Sr. Rusiah, will be transferred back to Sabah with specific missions assigned to them. We thank them for their contributions especially to the Bahasa speaking community through their mission with the Bahasa Apostolate. With joy we welcome Sr. M. Lucynia to the Diocese of Penang as she joins Sr. Florence in the FSIC community here in Bukit Mertajam and begins her mission in February.

7. FABC-OSC SYNOD MEDIA INVITE

FABC OSC is holding a two-hour long zoom webinar on Synod on Synodality on 3 February 2024, at 5.30 pm Malaysia time. You are most cordially invited to join the program. The session will present an overview of the Synod, its journey so far and further insights on the purpose and goals of the Synod on Synodality.

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8. LUNAR NEW YEAR MESSAGE 2024 | YEAR OF THE DRAGON

As I take this opportunity to wish each one of you a Blessed and Glorious New Year, I wish to share with you a reflection prepared by Fr. Stephen Chin in English and Mandarin, explaining on the Year of the Dragon.

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8. 30TH MEMORIAL MASS FOR MSGR. IGNATIUS JOHN ALOYSIUS

In a spirit of thanksgiving, I invite you to join in the celebration of Mass for the repose of the soul of Msgr. Ignatius John Aloysius on his 30th Memorial Anniversary. Fondly known as Msgr. Aloysius, he was a faithful shepherd tending his flock at the Church of St. Francis Xavier (City Parish). We remember with gratitude that Msgr Aloysius built the Church of St John Britto more than 50 years ago, as well as the Chapels of St Joseph in Hong Seng Estate and St Mary in Gottlieb Road. He was ordained at College General in 1929. He became the first Vicar General of the Diocese of Penang. For his outstanding and dedicated contributions to the Church, he was made Honorary Prelate by Pope Paul VI in 1978 which carried the title of Monsignor. For more than 20 years he served as parish priest of St. Francis Xavier Church, Penang Road, before his demise in 1994 at the age of 91. For more details:

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30TH MEMORIAL
ANNIVERSARY OF
Msgr. Ignatius
John Aloysius

17th February 2024 (Saturday) | 10.00 am
Church of Saint Francis Xavier, Penang

All are welcome!

'The Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ Our Lord'
- Roman 6:23

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BISHOP'S DIARY



2nd Feb 7:00 pm	Ordination Mass of Deacon George Vaithynathan & Celebration of World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin, Ipoh.
17th Feb 10:00 am	30th Anniversary Memorial Mass for Msgr. Ignatius John Aloysius Church of St. Francis Xavier, Penang Road
17th Feb 4:00 pm	Rite of Election (Northern and Penang Island Deanery) Church of Assumption, Penang
18th Feb 3:00 pm	Rite of Election (Perak Deanery) Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh
19th-23rd Feb	Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC) Central Committee Meeting Bangkok, Thailand
21st-22nd Feb	Clergy Monthly Recollection (Deanery Level)
27th Feb 10:00 am	Curia Meeting Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
27th Feb 8:00 am	Opening Address at Healing in Evangelization Formation by Healing & Deliverance Ministry in collaboration with New Evangelization Commission (Zoom)

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FEBRUARY

FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

WE PRAY THAT THOSE WITH A TERMINAL ILLNESS,
AND THEIR FAMILIES, RECEIVE THE NECESSARY
PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE AND
ACCOMPANIMENT.

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