



37TH NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

As we conclude the fifty days of the Sacred Season of Easter with Pentecost Sunday, the Church recalls the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginnings of the Church and the start of her mission to all tongues and peoples and nations. The celebration of Pentecost gives a context to all our efforts as missionary disciples of Christ.

Encouraged and affirmed by the first experience of Pentecost, may the infilling and outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our very own lives, inspire and guide us to be missionary disciples of Joy, Mercy and Hope in our every thought, desire, decision, and act of love every single day. Let us offer up our time, talent and treasure in this effort and call for discipleship.

Cardinal Sebastian Francis



Month of May
Peninsular
Malaysia
Pastoral Focus :

EMPOWERING FAMILY LIFE

**MAY
2024**



CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



1st May 2024

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Parishes of St. Joseph, Bagan Serai & Batu Gajah, Perak
Chapels of St. Joseph, Hong Seng | Bidor | Kuala Kerai, Kelantan
St. Joseph's Home, Penang Road

3rd May 2024

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles



9th May 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

13th May 2024

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Parish of Our Lady of Fatima of the Holy Rosary,
Kota Bharu, Kelantan
Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Kangar, Perlis



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14th May 2024

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle



19th May 2024

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang



20th May 2024

**Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church**



26th May 2024

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



31st May 2024

**Feast of the Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

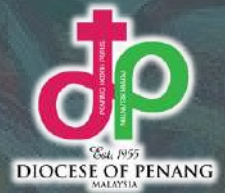


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UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG :



1. EVANGELIZING CATHECHIST | CATECHESIS & THE HOLY SPIRIT

We remember in prayer all evangelizing catechesis in the diocese from the English, Bahasa, Mandarin and Tamil speaking who will be gathering together for a full day formation (8.30am - 5.30pm) on 1st May at the Taiping Catholic Church. With gratitude we also remember the organizers and the speakers for their commitment and faithfulness. The Penang Diocesan Catechetical Commission will also be launching their official website and their first issue of newsletter on this same day. [CLICK HERE](#)

2. PESTA KAAMATAN, GAWAI & KESYUKURAN 2024 | DIOSIS PULAU PINANG

Wishing a joyous celebration of praise and thanksgiving to all celebrating the harvest festival of Pesta Kaamatan (Sabah) on 30th & 31st May and Hari Gawai (Sarawak) on 1st & 2nd June 2024. The diocesan celebration will take place on 4th May 2024 at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. All are invited to join in this celebration. May God's abundant blessings flourish and be fruitful in and through the labour of your hands. [CLICK HERE](#)

3. THE RITE OF CANONICAL POSSESSION OF THE TITULAR CHURCH - PARROCCHIA SANTA MARIA CAUSA NOSTRAE LAETITIAE

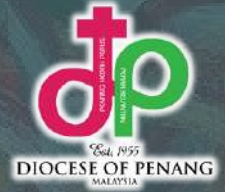
Following my appointment in being created Cardinal and becoming part of the clergy of Rome, as an expression of the unity of the Church, I will be away in Rome from 7th - 16th May 2024 for the Rite of Canonical Possession of the Titular Church - Parish of Holy Mary, Cause of Our Joy. I invite all the parishes in the Diocese of Penang to remain united in prayer and in solidarity with the Church of Holy Mary, Cause of Our Joy. [CLICK HERE](#)

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4. 60TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY OF REV. FR. ROBIN ANDREWS

With palms folded in prayer, we thank Rev. Fr. Robin Andrews for his faithfulness in his ministry to the priesthood since his ordination on 12th April 1964. Let us continue to pray for his good health, commitment and faithfulness to the Lord as he joyfully and cheerfully serves the Lord through his priestly ministry of prayer for all of us in the diocese and beyond. [CLICK HERE](#)

5. CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY - MANDARIN

I congratulate Ms. Angela Huang from the Parish of St. Michael, Ipoh, who has recently obtained a Certificate in Theology conducted in Mandarin. This online study is by the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore encompassing a prerequisite of 6 modules for certificate and 6 modules for a diploma course. [CLICK HERE](#)

6. 58TH WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS 2024 – FORMATION & CELEBRATION

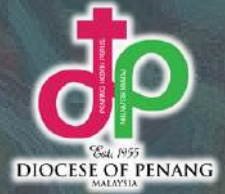
In conjunction with the 58th World Day of Social Communications 2024, the Diocesan Social Communications Ministry will be organizing a day of formation with several workshops on 25th & 26th May 2024, from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Catholic Diocesan Centre, Macalister Road, Penang and Church of the Sacred Heart, Kampar. Parish representatives and all who are interested in social communications are most welcome to join in this event. [CLICK HERE](#)

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7. SYMPOSIUM | INTERSECTIONALITIES BETWEEN HEALTH, SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIOLOGY

In collaboration, the National Cancer Society Malaysia (NCSM) and Caritas Penang Diocese will be organizing a symposium titled “Intersectionalities between Health, Spirituality and Sociology” on May 25, 2024, from 8.30am to 4.30pm at Dewan NCSM-Caritas, Homes of Hope @ Simee Ipoh, Perak. Be a part of history: Witness the launch of the NCSM-Caritas Symposium 2024 and Dewan NCSM-Caritas. Participate in insightful sessions on health, spirituality, sociology, a forum discussion, and a hands-on workshop with experts from NCSM, Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital, and Caritas Penang Diocese. For more information and to RSVP by 11 May. [CLICK HERE](#)

8. PENANG DIOCESAN VOCATION TEAM

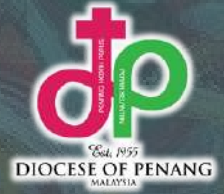
Vocation promotion is the duty and responsibility of every member and it should become a priority carried out with love and dedication by all. Together with the team and your parish priest, I invite you to be courageous in discerning together and accepting the call of God with openness and joy. [CLICK HERE](#)

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9. REV. FR. ANTHONY LIEW LEAVES FOR HIS STUDIES IN ROME

Rev. Fr. Anthony Liew will leave for Rome for his studies in Licentiate in Spiritual Theology for a period of 2 years. We wish him the very best and continue to keep him in prayers as he embarks on this new journey in Rome, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Rev. Fr. Anthony Heng CDD will take over as Parish Administrator of the Church of St. Michael, Ipoh with effect from 1st June 2024.

10. 39TH DIOCESAN TAMIL CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RALLY 2024

The Tamil Coordinating Team of the Diocese of Penang will be organizing a Tamil Charismatic Rally on 3rd June from 8.30am – 5.30pm at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Butterworth. I invite you to come and be enriched by the empowering of the Holy Spirit through this rally. [CLICK HERE](#)

11. 2024 FEAST OF ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM, MINOR BASILICA OF ST. ANNE, BUKIT MERTAJAM

The Novena and Feast of St. Anne this year will begin from 19th July 2024 and culminate on 28th July 2024. Let us pray for all pilgrims, volunteers, celebrants and confessors as we experience a meaningful and grace-filled celebration through the intercession of St. Anne and St. Joachim. [CLICK HERE](#)

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BISHOP'S

DIARY

1st May 4:30pm	Closing Mass – Catechetical Formation “Catechesis & the Holy Spirit” Taiping Catholic Church
3rd May 7:00pm	Mass, Adoration & Benediction Church of Sacred Heart, Kulim
4th May 2:00pm	Mass & Celebration - Pesta Kaamatan, Gawai & Kesyukuran 2024 Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM
6th May 10:00am	Mass & Meeting – Penang Diocese Seminarians of St. Peter’s College, Kuching Bishop’s Residence
7th-16th May	Rite of Canonical Possession of the Titular Church - Parish of Holy Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Visitation to the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, Visitation to Dicastery of Social Communications, Dicastery for Evangelization of Peoples, Rome
19th May 10:30am	Pentecost Feast Day Mass – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang
21st-23rd May	Clergy Outing
25th May 9:00am	Keynote Address – Symposium "Intersectionalities between Health, Spirituality and Sociology" organized by NCSM & Caritas Penang Diocese Simee Home, Ipoh
27th May 10:00am	Mass & Meeting – Penang Diocese Seminarians of St. Peter’s College, Kuching Bishop’s Residence
27th May 3:00pm	Meeting with Head of Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission
28th May 6:00pm	Penang Diocesan Finance Committee (PDFC) Meeting
29th May 11:00am	Meeting – Penang Diocese Seminarian of St. Peter’s College, Kuching Bishop’s Residence
31st May 11:30am	Handing Over from Parish Priest Fr. Anthony Liew to Parish Administrator Fr. Anthony Heng CDD Church of St. Michael, Ipoh

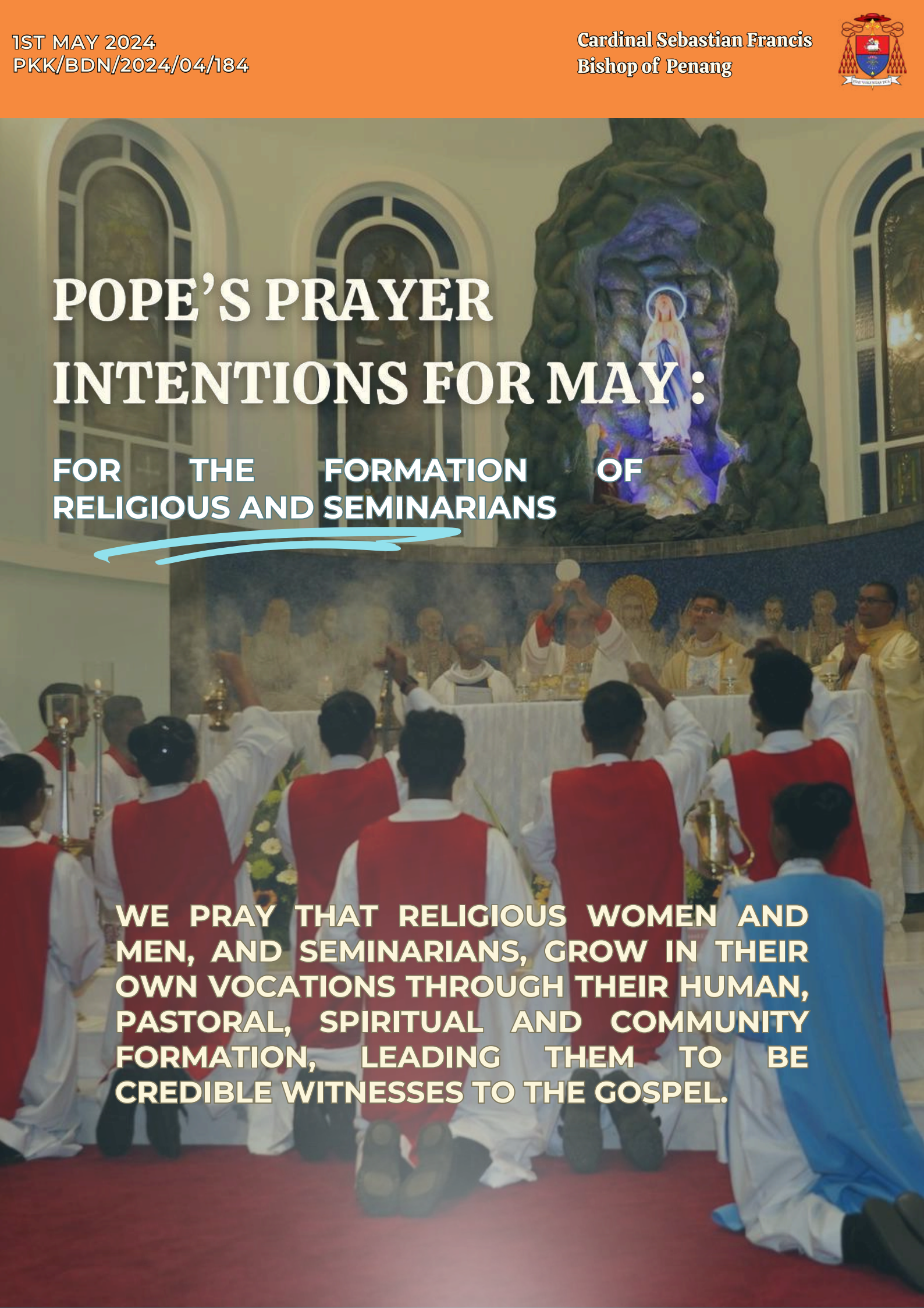
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POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:

FOR THE FORMATION OF
RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS



WE PRAY THAT RELIGIOUS WOMEN AND
MEN, AND SEMINARIANS, GROW IN THEIR
OWN VOCATIONS THROUGH THEIR HUMAN,
PASTORAL, SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNITY
FORMATION, LEADING THEM TO BE
CREDIBLE WITNESSES TO THE GOSPEL.