



43rd Notifications in the Diocese of Penang

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thess 4: 13-14

Month of November
Peninsular Malaysia
Pastoral Focus –

Remembering those
who have gone
before us.

2024





Celebrations for the month of *November*



**All Saints Day -
Solemnity
1st Nov 2024**



**All Souls Day
2nd Nov 2024**



**Saint Charles
Borromeo, Bishop
4th Nov 2024**



**Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
9th Nov 2024**



**Saint Martin of
Tours, Bishop
11th Nov 2024**



**Saint Josaphat,
Bishop
12th Nov 2024**



**Saint Albert the
Great, Bishop, Doctor
15th Nov 2024**



**Dedication of the
Basilicas of Saints
Peter and Paul
18th Nov 2024**



**The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
21st Nov 2024**



**Saint Cecilia, Virgin,
Martyr
22nd Nov 2024**



**Christ the King -
Solemnity
World Youth Day
24th Nov 2024**



**Saint Andrew,
Apostle
30th Nov 2024**



Updates & Happenings of the *Diocese*.

1. APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

I am pleased to share with you that I have appointed the following priests:

- a) Rev. Fr. Martin Arlando as member of the Professional Standards Office, Diocese of Penang (PSO Committee) for the protection, care and safety of minors and vulnerable persons with effect from 1st September 2024.
- b) Rev. Fr. Dominic Santhiyagu as Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Penang with effect from 22nd October 2024.
- c) Rev. Fr. Aloysius Tan as Parish Priest of Church of St. Michael, Ipoh with effect from 30th November 2024 while also assuming the role of Chairman of the Board of Governors of SJK(C) and SMJK Sam Tet, Ipoh, Perak.
- d) Rev. Fr. Stanley Antoni as Head of Penang Diocesan Migrant Ministry with effect from 1st December 2024.
- e) Rev. Fr. Raymond Raj as Rector of Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang with effect from 1st January 2025.
- f) Rev. Fr. Joachim Robert as resident full time Formator and Initiation Year Director at the College General Major Seminary, Penang with effect from 15th February 2025. He will continue his role as the Head of Caritas Penang Diocese.

Please keep our priests in prayer as they take up their new roles and embrace the new mission entrusted to them. Wishing them God's blessings.



2. HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE FATHERS OF COLLEGE GENERAL MAJOR SEMINARY, PENANG

As President of the College General Major Seminary, Penang, I, together with my brother bishops, thank Rev. Fr. Simon Labrooy, Rector and Rev. Fr. Eugene Fernandez, CSsR, Resident Spiritual Father of the House, for their committed and dedicated services rendered to the seminarians and staff at College General Major Seminary, Penang. They will conclude their term end of this year. Special thanks to Fr. Simon Labrooy for also generously serving the Diocese of Penang. May God's blessings accompany them in their mission and responsibilities.

3. PENANG DIOCESAN MIGRANT MINISTRY

My heartfelt thanks to Mr. Peter Barnabas for his services and faithful commitment as Head of Penang Diocesan Migrant Ministry. Wishing him God's blessings for his next mission at the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam.

4. PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME & FOCUS FOR 2025

The Liturgical Celebrations for 2025 along with the overall theme and monthly focus for the year has been compiled for your easy reference.

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5. JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE | DIOCESE OF PENANG

I am pleased to share with you some proposed events and happenings that will take place in the Diocese of Penang during the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. As missionary disciples, let us journey together as pilgrims of hope, participating in the mission of Christ entrust to each one of us.

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6. THE SYNOD DOCUMENT IS A GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

On 26 October 2024, the members of the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops approved the Final Document of the Synod. Pope Francis has approved its publication. The Final Document is available in the original Italian and translations in the other languages will follow. More information can be obtain from the website: [CLICK HERE](#)

7. PINGAT PEKERTI TERPILIH (P.P.T)

I congratulate the Board, Staff, Volunteers, Benefactors and Community of Simee Home, Ipoh for being awarded the Pingat Pekerti Terpilih (P.P.T) which will be received from the Sultan of Perak on 16th November 2024. Blessings for your dedication and commitment in serving the elderly.

8. DIPLOMA IN NURSING | HOSPITAL FATIMAH SCHOOL OF NURSING

I am pleased to share with you on the yearly intake for the Diploma in Nursing at the Hospital Fatimah School of Nursing, Ipoh, Perak. The intakes are in April, July and October. For more information and contact details. [CLICK HERE](#)



BISHOP'S DIARY



1st Nov | 11:00 am

Meeting with Seeds Ministry | Bishop's Office

3rd Nov | 10:00 am

Confirmation Mass | Church of the Sacred Heart, Kampar

3rd Nov | 5:30 pm

Confirmation Mass | Church of St. Joseph, Bagan Serai

4th Nov | 3:00 pm

Meeting with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem - Penang Section | Bishop's Office

5th Nov | 2:30 pm

Catholic Welfare Services Meeting | Stella Maris

6th Nov | 9:00 am

College General Bishops - Staff Meeting | College General

7th Nov | 8:45 am

Lecture for Initiation Year Seminarians | College General

9th Nov | 6:00 pm

Confirmation Mass | Church of St. Michael, Ipoh



BISHOP'S DIARY



10th Nov | 10:00 am

Confirmation Mass | St. Joseph's Chapel, Bidor

11th Nov | 6:30 pm

**Thanksgiving Mass & Dinner | Pusat Keuskupan Katolik,
Penang**

12th-13th Nov

**Council of Priests & Clergy Monthly Recollection | Minor
Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam**

13th Nov | 6:00 pm

**60th Sacerdotal Anniversary of Fr. Robin Andrews | Church of
the Immaculate Conception, Penang**

14th Nov | 10:00 am

Curia Meeting | Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

15th Nov | 2:00 pm

Malaysian Education Council AGM | Zoom

16th Nov | 11:00 am

**Peninsular Malaysia Tamil Leaders' Formation | Minor Basilica
of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam**

16th Nov | 3:00 pm

**Meeting with Mother General of the Franciscan Sisters of the
Immaculate Conception (FSIC) | Minor Basilica of St. Anne,
Bukit Mertajam**



BISHOP'S DIARY



16th Nov | 6:00 pm

**Confirmation Mass - Church of the Holy Name of Mary |
Permatang Tinggi**

17th-20th Nov

**Radio Veritas Asia Annual General Board Meeting | Manila,
Philippines**

22nd Nov | 11:00 am

**Meeting with Penang Diocesan New Evangelization
Commission | Bishop's Office**

24th Nov | 8:30 am

**Confirmation & First Holy Communion Mass | Church of Our
Lady of Sorrows, Penang**

25th-29th Nov

**Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference - Office of Social
Communications Bishops' Meet | Jakarta, Indonesia**

30th Nov | 7:00 pm

Confirmation Mass | Church of Christ the King, Sungai Petani



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

November

**FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
LOST A CHILD.**

**We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a
son or daughter find support in their community and
receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.**

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