

45TH NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged... forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

LUKE 6:36-38



2025
Month of January
Peninsular Malaysia
Pastoral Theme –
Church
Called To Be
Merciful





CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY



Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Solemnity
1st Jan 2025



Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors
2nd Jan 2025



The Most Holy Name of Jesus
3rd Jan 2025



The Epiphany of the Lord - Solemnity
5th Jan 2025



The Baptism of the Lord - Feast
12th Jan 2025



Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor
13th Jan 2025



Saint Anthony, Abbot
17th Jan 2025



Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr or Saint Sebastian, Martyr
20th Jan 2025



Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr
21st Jan 2025



Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr
22nd Jan 2025



Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor
24th Jan 2025



The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle - Feast
25th Jan 2025



Sunday of the Word of God
26th Jan 2025



Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
27th Jan 2025



Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor
28th Jan 2025



Saint John Bosco, Priest
31st Jan 2025



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE.

1. REV. FR. EDMUND WOON | BISHOP'S DELEGATE FOR THE VOCATION OF HERMITS IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

Rev. Fr. Edmund Woon has been appointed as Bishop's Delegate for all matters pertaining to the Vocation of Hermits in the Diocese of Penang with effect from 1st December 2024. I wish him God's blessings and thank him for his generous availability in ministering to the needs of this vocation in our diocese.

2. FR. ALOYSIUS TAN | SPIRITUAL ADVISOR FOR SAHABAT ORANG ASLI

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Tan has been appointed Spiritual Advisor to the Perak Deanery Orang Asli Apostolate which is under the leadership of Mr. Bernard Lee, Chairman of Perak Deanery Orang Asli Apostolate. This appointment is with effect from 1st December 2024 and in view of his appointment as the Parish Priest of the Church of St. Michael's, Ipoh where this ministry originated and continues to flourish with the support of parishioners and neighbouring parishes. I wish him God's blessings in carrying out this ministry, especially for the good of the Orang Asli community, for the greater glory of God.

3. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

We congratulate Wasa a/p Bah Ngah, the first Orang Asli graduate, through the support of Sahabat Orang Asli, for having completed her Diploma in Early Childhood Education with Open University Malaysia (OUM). Syabas and Berkat to Wasa and family and our gratitude to the Sahabat Orang Asli team. [CLICK HERE](#)

4. LUNAR NEW YEAR 2025: THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE

Sharing the explanation for the Lunar New Year 2025 in Mandarin and English prepared by Rev. Fr. Stephen Chin from the Archdiocese of Kuching, Sarawak. Wishing all a Blessed and HOPE-Filled Lunar New Year 2025 in the Lord! [CLICK HERE](#)



5. SEMINARIANS OF THE DIOCESE OF PENANG FOR 2025

1) Ashley Stephen Chau

**Theology Year 4, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching
Pastoral at Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi
from 10th Jan to 9th May 2025**

2) Patrick Hillary Sandnasamy

**Theology Year 4, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching
Pastoral at Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Kulim from 16th Jan to
15th May 2025**

3) Ron Fernandez Sandanasamy

**Theology Year 3, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching
Pastoral at Church of the Holy Rosary, Kuala Lumpur from 2nd Jan
to 2nd May 2025**

4) Melvin Dawson Michael Dass

**Theology Year 3, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching
Pastoral at Church of the Sacred Heart, Kampar from 2nd Jan to
2nd May 2025**

5) Leon James Gautier

**Theology Year 2, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching
Pastoral at Church of Our Lady of Fatima, Kangar from 3rd Jan to
3rd Feb 2025**

6) Mark Edward Calady

**Theology Year 2, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching
Pastoral at Church of Christ the King, Sungai Petani from 2nd Jan to
2nd Feb 2025**

7) Dennis Raj Rasu

Theology Year 1, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching

8) Vincent Yip Kar Chun

**Philosophy Year 1, College General Major Seminary, Penang
Pastoral at Church of St. Michael, Ipoh from 3rd Jan to 3rd Feb 2025**

9) Daniel Anthony Isak

**Philosophy Year 1, College General Major Seminary, Penang
Pastoral at Church of St. Mary, Tapah from 1st Jan to 1st Feb 2025**



6. CARITAS MALAYSIA ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Caritas Malaysia is pleased to announce its new Board Members, effective 1st January 2025, for a two-year term: Ms. Anne Lasimbang, Dr. Francis Loh, Fr. Alvin Ng, Ms. Joyce Wong, Mr. Joachim Xavier and Ms. Sarah Chou. This renewal of leadership marks a significant moment in our collective journey to advance the social mission of the Church in Malaysia, rooted in the values of love, compassion, and justice. My blessings to the new team and heartfelt thanks to the outgoing members for their service.

7. PENANG DIOCESAN LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2025 FORMATION

Caritas Penang Lenten team will be organizing a briefing for the Love Squad / Parish Lenten Campaign Coordinators on the following dates and venue. [CLICK HERE](#) 

8. PARTICIPATION IN THE JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF COMMUNICATION AND CONFERENCE

I am pleased to share that Daniel Roy, Chairman of the Episcopal Commission for Social Communication of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei and Head of Social Communication of the Diocese, will represent us at two significant events in the Vatican:

1. The Jubilee of the World of Communication (24 - 26 January 2025), part of the larger Jubilee celebrations.
2. The International Conference of Presidents of Episcopal Communication Commissions and Directors of National Communication Offices (27-29 January 2025).

On another note, Alvinus Bryan has been selected by the Dicastery for Communication to participate in initiatives for young professional communicators during this Jubilee.

Let us pray for their fruitful participation.

9. LOGO DESIGN CONTEST FOR ASIAN MISSION CONGRESS 2025

I invite you to participate in the Asian Mission Congress 2025 Logo Design Contest. Submit your design by 15 February 2025. For more details, please refer to the poster. [CLICK HERE](#) 

BISHOP'S DIARY



5th Jan | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Parish Pastoral Assembly | Minor Basilica of St. Anne,
Bukit Mertajam

6th-10th Jan

Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore,
Brunei | MAJODI

11th Jan | 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Dinner of St. Anne's Dialysis Centre |
Vangohh Eminent Hotel, BM

12th Jan | 2.00pm

Mass & Healing Service - Healing and Deliverance Seminar
| MASC, Penang Road

14th Jan | 3:00pm

Memorial for French Catholic Sailors | Monument at
Church of Assumption, Penang

14th-15th Jan

Council of Priests (COP) and Clergy Monthly Recollection
(CMR)

17th Jan | 5:30pm

Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting | Catholic Diocesan
Centre, Penang

19th Jan | 8:00am

Confirmation Mass - Church of Our Mother of
Perpetual Help, Ipoh

19th Jan | 11:00am

Meeting with Orang Asli Delegation | Perak

20th Jan | 8:00pm

Dedication Mass | Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

27th - 31st Jan

Visitation and Chinese New Year Masses | Kota Bharu,
Kelantan



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR
january + *Franciscus*

**FOR THE RIGHT TO AN
EDUCATION.**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees
and those affected by war, that their
right to an education, which is
necessary to build a better world,
might always be respected.

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