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53rd NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG



NOT ALL OF
US CAN DO
GREAT
THINGS. BUT
WE CAN DO
SMALL
THINGS WITH
GREAT LOVE.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

September 2025



**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA
PASTORAL THEME –
CALLED TO AVOID WASTAGE,
ACT NOW!**

UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE



1. PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL ASSEMBLY 2025

In preparation for the Malaysian Pastoral Convention 2026, representatives from the three dioceses of Peninsular Malaysia gathered on 26 & 27 August 2025 at Archdiocesan Pastoral Centre, Kuala Lumpur to focus on the Final Document (FD) of the Synod and how its call to synodality speaks to the pastoral realities of the Catholic Church in Peninsular Malaysia. The sessions were facilitated by Dr. Christina Kheng, a Catholic lay theologian, who played a significant role in the Synod process. Sharing the Final Document and the resources here for our kind reflection.

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2. EPISCOPAL ORDINATION - FIRST NATIVE BISHOP OF PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

The Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh, Cambodia is honoured to celebrate a historic ordination for the Church of Cambodia. After 50 years, the Holy Father has appointed the first native Bishop for Cambodia. Monsignor Pierre Soun Hang Ly, Coadjutor Apostolic Vicar of Phnom Penh, will be installed as Bishop of Phnom Penh at the Episcopal Ordination on 6th September 2025 by Bishop Olivier Michel Marie Schmitthaeusler, M.E.P. Let us praise and thank God for the predecessors and the new bishop, as we lift up Cambodia in prayer.

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3. CG360: REMEMBERING WITH GRATITUDE, FIDELITY AND HOPE

College General will celebrate 360 years of gratitude, fidelity and hope surviving and transcending numerous challenges and two World Wars. From its birth in Ayutthaya, Thailand in 1665 to Pondicherry in India and finally to Penang in 1808, where it landed for 217 years to this very date, College General in its core tradition has faced all challenges including persecution and martyrdom in various parts of Asia. College General continues to move forward for 360 years. This history urges us to reflect the fidelity of God and our founding fathers, the MEP missionaries from Paris, France and their successors and calls all alumni of College General to gather in Penang, in this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST INSTANCE ECCLESIASTICAL TRIBUNAL IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

After nearly 40 years of faithful collaboration as part of the Inter-diocesan Peninsular Malaysia Ecclesiastical Tribunal, I am pleased to announce that the Apostolic Signatura in Rome has duly recognized the erection of the First Instance Ecclesiastical Tribunal in the Diocese of Penang. Let us pray for the mission of this office for the diocese.

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5. A CALL TO CELEBRATE THE REGENERATE! (PROTEC 2.0) CAMPAIGN YEAR 1 AND THE SEASON OF CREATION 2025

From the success of the first phase of the “Protect Our Earth, Protect Our Children (PROTEC)” Campaign 2020-2025, we are pleased to announce the launch of the second phase: the REGENERATE! (PROTEC 2.0) Campaign. REGENERATE! has been sanctioned by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei and coordinated by the Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice. The theme for REGENERATE! (PROTEC 2.0) Campaign Year 1 (1 Sept 2025 – 31 Aug 2026) is: Regenerate Hope for Flora and Fauna. Animals and plants are our sisters and brothers in creation, loved and seen by God. Please promote this campaign in all your parishes and communities throughout the year from 1 Sept. 2025 to 31 Aug 2026.

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The annual Season of Creation runs from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. The theme for the 2025 Season of Creation (SOC) (1 Sept to 4 Oct 2025) is: “Peace with Creation”. The materials to celebrate these events can be found at the link provided in the above letter.

6. COMPLETION OF CONTRACT AT MT. MIRIAM CANCER HOSPITAL, PENANG

Deacon Paul Kang Hian Beng has completed his term as CEO of Mt. Miriam which concludes on 31st August 2025. He will continue to serve at City Parish, Penang. We thank God for the fruitful experience and continue to pray for his ministry.

BISHOP'S DIARY



3rd - 7th Sept

**Episcopal Ordination of Monsignor Pierre Soun Hang Ly,
Coadjutor Apostolic Vicar of Phnom Penh, Cambodia**

8th Sept | 2.30pm

AGM - Malaysian Catholic Education Council (MCEC), Kuala Lumpur

11th Sept | 6.30pm

Mass - Fr Julianne's Agape Learning Center, Macallum Road, Penang

12th Sept | 5.00PM

Catholic Health Care Asia (CHCA), ZOOM

13th Sept | 9.30AM

International Interfaith Peace Conference, Bahang Bay Hotel, Penang

14th Sept | 10.30AM

Confirmation Mass - Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

20th Sept | 11.30AM

Meeting - The Great Pilgrimage of Hope, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

20th Sept | 6.00 PM

Confirmation Mass - Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

21st Sept | 9.00AM

Confirmation Mass - Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Penang

22nd - 25th Sept

Clergy Retreat for Priests from Diocese of San Jose, Philippines, Stella Maris Penang

28th Sept - 2nd Oct

360th Anniversary of College General Major Seminary, Penang

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR *September*



FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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