

57th NOTIFICATION IN THE

**DIOCESE
OF
PENANG**

JANUARY

2026
Happy New Year!

'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3 : 17

**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –
Family – Building trust through shared prayer, regular
dialogue, and faith expressed in daily actions. The home
is the first school of faith. (FD#35)**

UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE



1. WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

The theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4).

Sharing the information received from the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity in reference to The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and throughout the year 2026. The respective materials in various languages, prepared in collaboration with The World Council of Churches and The Armenian Apostolic Church, are available on the website of the Dicastery: www.christianunity.va

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2. SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Instituted by Pope Francis to be celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time every year since the year 2020, the Regional Biblical Commission will be sharing the link which includes materials in various languages prepared for the Sunday of the Word of God this year.

3. PUBLIC PROFESSION OF THE EVANGELICAL COUNSELS AS A DIOCESAN HERMIT

Following the Eremitic Life, Murnadevi Savaridas, taking on the name of Murna of the Eucharistic Bride of Christ, will make her Public Profession of the Evangelical Counsels as the third hermit of the Diocese of Penang on 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm at the Church of Sacred Heart, Kulim, Kedah.

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4. SILVER SACERDOTAL JUBILEE CELEBRATION

With grateful hearts we celebrate 25 years of faithfulness in the Priestly Silver Jubilee of Msgr. Henry Rajoo, Parish Priest of the Church of St. Anthony, Nibong Tebal on 19th January 2026. Continue to keep him in prayers as we praise and thank God for the gift of priesthood.

5. YEAR 2026 PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT AND UPDATES OF SEMINARIANS AT THE MAJOR SEMINARIES

1) Ashley Stephen Chau

Theology Year 5, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching.
Retreat at Seven Fountains, Chiang Mai, from 2nd January to 4th February 2026.

2) Patrick Hilary Sandnasamy

Theology Year 5, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching.
Retreat at Seven Fountains, Chiang Mai, from 2nd January to 4th February 2026.

3) Melvin Dawson Michael Dass

Theology Year 4, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching.
Pastoral at Church of Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Butterworth, from 7th January to 7th May 2026.

4) Ronfernandez Sandanasamy

Theology Year 4, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching.
Pastoral at Minor Basilica of St Anne, Bukit Mertajam, from 6th January to 6th May 2026.

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5. YEAR 2026 PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT AND UPDATES OF SEMINARIANS AT THE MAJOR SEMINARIES (CONT.)

5) Leon James Gautier

Theology Year 3, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching.
Pastoral at Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi,
from 6th January to 6th May 2026.

6) Dennis Raj Rasu

Theology Year 2, St. Peter's College Major Seminary, Kuching.
Pastoral at Church of St Anthony, Nibong Tebal, from 3rd January
to 3rd February 2026.

7) Daniel Anthony Isak

Philosophy Year 2, College General Major Seminary, Penang.
Pastoral at Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Permatang Tinggi,
from 6th January to 6th February 2026.

8) Vincent Yip Kar Chun

Philosophy Year 2, College General Major Seminary, Penang.
Pastoral at Church of Christ the King, Sungai Petani, from 3
January to 3 February 2026.

BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1 st Jan	5.30pm	Dedication Mass - Church of Our Lady of Good Health, Parit Buntar
11 th Jan	4.00pm	Parish Pastoral Assembly, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
14 th Jan	6.00pm	Penang Diocesan Finance Team Meeting, Diocesan Office
19 th Jan	9.00am	Meeting with Triumph Heart of Mary, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
19 th Jan	11.00am	Meeting with Family Life Ministry, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
19 th Jan	6.00pm	25th Priestly Anniversary of Msgr. Henry Rajoo, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
20 th Jan	10.00am	Council of Priests (COP) Meeting, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
20 th - 21 st Jan	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
21 st Jan	7.00pm	Public Profession of the Evangelical Counsels, Church of Sacred Heart, Kulim
24 th Jan	10.00am	Red Mass - Cathedral of St. John, Kuala Lumpur
30 th Jan - 1 st Feb	-	Feast of Infant Jesus, Sungei Pelek, Port Dickson

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



JANUARY



FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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