


63rd NOTIFICATION IN THE

DIOCESE OF PENANG

July

2026



Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
26th July 2026

He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant.

St Maria Goretti

**PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –
Ecology – Living creation spirituality as part of our faith.
(FD#19)**

UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE



1. EXTRAORDINARY CONSISTORY OF CARDINALS, VATICAN CITY

I thank you for praying for me and for all the cardinals as we gathered for this extraordinary consistory with His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV. It was truly a grace-filled moment and an enriching encounter guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to pray for the Universal Church and our mission in the world.

2. FEAST OF ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM 2026

The Novena and Feast of St. Anne this year will begin from 17th July 2026 and culminate on 26th July 2026. 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. The program for the Feast is available in the various languages. [CLICK HERE](#)

3. SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Sunday, 26th July 2026) – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God’s unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly.

The pastoral kit is available here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Message by the Holy Father: [CLICK HERE](#)

4. CAMINO DE MUTIARA 2026 WALKING PILGRIMAGE

Organized by the Penang Island Deanery Chinese Apostolate, this three-day walking pilgrimage will begin at the Church of Divine Mercy, Sungai Ara, and will pass through six parishes across Penang Island. Each day will culminate in a Thanksgiving Mass, the summit and center of their journey, where they are renewed in Christ and sent forth again in mission. Let us remember them in prayer as they embark on this spiritual journey from 11-13 July 2026.

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5. DIACONATE ORDINATION OF SEMINARIANS ASHLEY STEPHEN CHAU & PATRICK HILARY SANDNASAMY

I am pleased to inform that the following seminarians, Bro. Ashley Stephen Chau and Bro. Patrick Hilary Sandnasamy will be called to the Order of Deacons on 14th July 2026 at 8.00pm at the Church of the Assumption, Penang. Let us continue to pray for them to persevere in their call to the Priesthood.

Diocese of Penang

Diaconate Ordination
of

BRO. ASHLEY STEPHEN CHAU
&
BRO. PATRICK HILARY SANDNASAMY
By **H. Em. Cardinal Sebastian Francis**
Bishop of Penang

14th July 2026 (Tuesday) at 8.00pm
Church of the Assumption, Penang

Do whatever
He
tells you
(John 2:5)

LIVE STREAM
Diocese of Penang

BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
4 th July	10.00am	Mass - Empowering the Laity for Mission organized by Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission, Risen Christ Hall
5 th July - 10 th July	-	Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei (CBCMSB), MAJODI
11 th July	6.00pm	Island Tamil Youth Network (ITYN) 20th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass, College General Major Seminary, Penang
13 th July	2.00pm	Thanksgiving Mass - Camino de Mutiara organized by Penang Island Deanery Chinese Apostolate, College General Major Seminary, Penang
13 th July	6.00pm	Penang Diocesan Finance Committee (PDFC) Meeting, Pusat Keuskupan Katolik, Penang

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
14 th July	10.00am	Council of Priests (COP) Meeting, Stella Maris, Penang
14 th July - 15 th July	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection (CMR), Stella Maris, Penang
14 th July	8.00pm	Diaconate Ordination of Bro. Ashley Chau & Bro. Patrick Hilary, Church of Assumption, Penang
16 th July	6.00pm	Flag Raising and Mass for Helpers and Ministers of Various Services, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
17 th July	4.00pm	Meeting with Fr. Hung Pham, SJ, Bishop's Residence
20 th July - 27 th July	-	XII Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC) Plenary Assembly, Jakarta
28 th July - 1 st August	-	Visit of Parish Priest and parishioners of the titular church in Rome, Santa Maria Causa Nostrae Laetitiae to Penang

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR




July





FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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