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NOTIFICATION IN THE DIOCESE OF PENANG

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PASTORAL THEME –

Ecology – Responding to the cry of the earth by
engaging in ecological activities (FD#151)



UPDATES & HAPPENINGS OF THE DIOCESE

1. SACERDOTAL ORDINATION OF DEACON ASHLEY STEPHEN CHAU AND DEACON PATRICK HILARY SANDNASAMY

Let us remember Deacon Ashley Stephen Chau from City Parish, Penang and Deacon Patrick Hilary Sandnasamy from the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Silibin as they prepare themselves to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders at their priestly ordination on 10th November 2026 @ 6.00pm, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam. Your prayers are essential in the mission of the priesthood. Those who are unable to be physically present at this ordination, are most welcome to follow this celebration online.

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2. RELOCATION OF CARITAS MALAYSIA NATIONAL OFFICE TO KUALA LUMPUR

As approved by the Catholic Bishops of Malaysia, the Caritas Malaysia National Office will be relocated to Kuala Lumpur in November 2026. For this purpose, Rev. Fr. Fabian Dicom, the National Director of Caritas Malaysia, will be relocated to the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur. He will take up residence at the rectory of Cathedral of St John the Evangelist in Kuala Lumpur and take up temporary working space at Cardijn House until the newly constructed Magnificat building at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist in Kuala Lumpur is ready for occupancy.

During this transition, Fr. Fabian will be released of his pastoral services at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang however, the existing space at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and Pusat Keuskupan Katolik, Penang will be retained until the relocation is fully completed. Let us continue to pray for the mission of Caritas Malaysia.



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3. ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN - DIOCESE OF PENANG

The Order of Friars Minor Capuchin Custody of Malaysia-Singapore has assigned two friars, Fr. Joe Matthews OFM, Cap and Br. Joshua Yong OFM Cap, to the Fraternity of St. Felix of Cantalice, Tanjung Tokong, Penang with effect from 1st October 2026. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their mission in the diocese.

4. INCARDINATION PROCESS OF REV. FR. ANDREW KHOO HSIEN MING

The Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, has granted Rev. Fr. Andrew Khoo Hsien Ming, until then a perpetually professed member of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, the Indult of Departure dated 26th October 2026 from the Institute, in accordance with canon 693 of the Code of Canon Law, releasing Fr. Andrew Khoo to be incardinated into the Diocese of Penang.

5. SR. AMY CHEAH HSIAO PHIN

Sr. Amy Cheah, a Catholic religious sister of the Institute Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM), taking the name Sister Maria Filia Docilis, has returned to the Diocese of Penang, as she is currently discerning her vocation in her congregation. During this period of exclaustation from one (1) to five (5) years, Sr. Amy has been appointed as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Bishop's Office with effect from 12th October 2026. Sr. Amy will also assist and collaborate in any other ministries assigned by the bishop, especially for formation and retreats in Mandarin, English and Bahasa Malaysia. She will also work with the Social Communication Office to provide assistance, especially in the Mandarin Apostolate. Kindly keep her in your prayers.



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6. 10TH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The Diocese of Penang will observe the Tenth World Day of the Poor on Saturday, 14th November 2026, with the theme "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6). Caritas Penang in collaboration with Lighthouse, will celebrate this day with the Eucharistic Celebration presided by Cardinal Sebastian Francis followed by fellowship and community activities at Lighthouse. All are welcome to partake in this celebration.

For more details and to register, [CLICK HERE](#)

Let us remember people experiencing poverty in our prayers and renew our commitment to stand with them through compassion and practical acts of solidarity. Sharing the Message of Pope Leo XIV for the Tenth World Day of the Poor. [CLICK HERE](#)

7. KOGREGASI PUTRI KARMEL | DIOCESE OF PENANG

Sr. Irene Marie P. Karm will return to the Kongregasi Putri Karmel community in Pertapaan Kaingaran, Tambunan, Sabah on 11th November, 2026 and will be replaced by Sr. Mary Gerardine, P. Karm.

Superior : Sr. Mary Geraldine, P. Karm

Member : Sr. Mary Jacinta, P. Karm

: Sr. Marie Carmen, P. Karm

: Sr. Mary Odilia, P. Karm

We thank Sr. Irene Marie P. Karm for her contributions and wish her blessings in her new mission, as we warmly welcome the newly appointed Sr. Mary Geraldine, P. Karm to the Diocese of Penang.



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8. FR. BERNARD MARIE, CSE

We welcome Fr. Bernard Marie, CSE a newly ordained priest of the Congregation of Carmelitae Santi Eliae (CSE) to the Diocese of Penang. Father Bernard Marie, CSE will be serving at the Church of Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau along with Fr. Dominico Evan CSE and Fr. Rudolf de Aquaviva, CSE.

9. MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION 2026

I thank everyone who generously shared their experiences and reflections on the Malaysia Pastoral Convention (MPC) 2026. May these sharing continue to inspire us and remind us of the grace of walking together as one Malaysian Church, united in faith and mission.

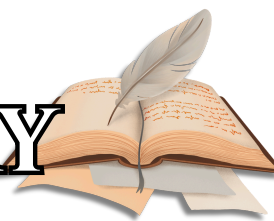
Sharing the special MPC 2026 supplement published by Herald Malaysia, bringing together key moments from the Convention, insights from the keynote addresses, pastoral messages from the nine Bishops of Malaysia and personal reflections from the delegates. I invite everyone to take some time to read and reflect on the experiences shared, as we continue our journey together, guided by the Holy Spirit in our pastoral mission.

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10. CANONICAL AGE OF RETIREMENT AT 75 ON 11 NOVEMBER 2026

As I reach my canonical age of retirement at 75 on 11th November 2026, I wish to inform all of you that I have submitted my letter of retirement as the Bishop of Penang, to Pope Leo XIV as required by Canon Law.

BISHOP'S DIARY



DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1 st Nov	10.30 AM	Confirmation Mass - Church of Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau (Rev. Fr. Anthony Liew)
2 nd Nov	2.30 PM	Meeting with Seeds Ministry, Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
2 nd Nov	3.00 PM	Meeting with Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission, Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
3 rd Nov	3.00 PM	Meeting with Sisters of Kongregasi Putri Karmel, Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
4 th Nov - 10 th Nov	-	Personal Retreat
6 th Nov	7.30 PM	Confirmation Mass - Church of St. Michael, Alor Setar (Msgr. Henry Rajoo)
10 th Nov	3.00 PM	Clergy Monthly Recollection, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
10 th Nov	6.00 PM	Sacerdotal Ordination of Deacon Ashley Chau and Deacon Patrick Hilary, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
11 th Nov	-	Clergy Monthly Recollection, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
12 th Nov	-	Permanent Deacons' Gathering, Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
13 th Nov	7.00 PM	Fellowship with Stewards of Catholic Health Care Asia (CHCA) and Board and Management from the Ministries, Penang
14 th Nov	10.00 AM	Mass for World Day of the Poor, Church of St. Francis Xavier, Penang
15 th Nov	10.00 AM	Confirmation Mass - Parish of Our Lady of Good Health, Parit Buntar, Parish of St. Joseph, Bagan Serai, Parish of St. Anthony, Nibong Tebal

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
15 th Nov	6.00 PM	Blessings and Consecration of the Chapel of Christ the King, Buntong, Ipoh
22 nd Nov	4.00 PM	Closing Mass for Penang Diocesan Youth Day 6, Taiping Catholic Church
24 th Nov	11.00 AM	Professional Standards Office (PSO) Meeting, Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
26 th Nov	3.00 PM	Penang Diocesan Preservation Committee Meeting, Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
26 th Nov	5.00 PM	Penang Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting (PDFC), Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
30 th Nov	2.30 PM	Catholic Welfare Services (CWS) Meeting, College General Major Seminary, Penang

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR



NOVEMBER



FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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