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## GOOD FRIDAY | FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD THE ADORATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Dear Clergy, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Lay Faithful and People of God,

The personal adoration of the cross is an important feature during the celebration of the Passion of the Lord, and every effort should be made to achieve it.

In reference to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (*GIRM - Rubric for Good Friday, GF - Nos.15ff*), therefore, on Good Friday, when approaching the cross individually for adoration, and so long as the faithful and the pastor are in accord;

- The faithful **may adore the cross with a kiss.**

A minister must assist in the wiping of the cross after each kiss. Every time the cross is wiped clean, it must be done with a clean section of the wiping cloth. Multiple cloths might be needed and should be ready at hand.

OR

- The faithful may also choose to show reverence to the cross **by a simple genuflection or bow.** In kneeling before the crucifix and kissing it or even by a simple genuflection or bow, we are paying the highest honor to the cross as the instrument of our salvation. Because the Cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing His Cross we, in effect, adore Christ. Thus, we affirm:

“We adore You, O Christ,  
and we bless You,  
because by Your Holy Cross,  
You have Redeemed the World.”

Wishing you and your families a blessed encounter with the crucified Lord. Blessings for all in the Diocese of Penang and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Sebastian Francis*

Cardinal Sebastian Francis  
Bishop of Penang Diocese

