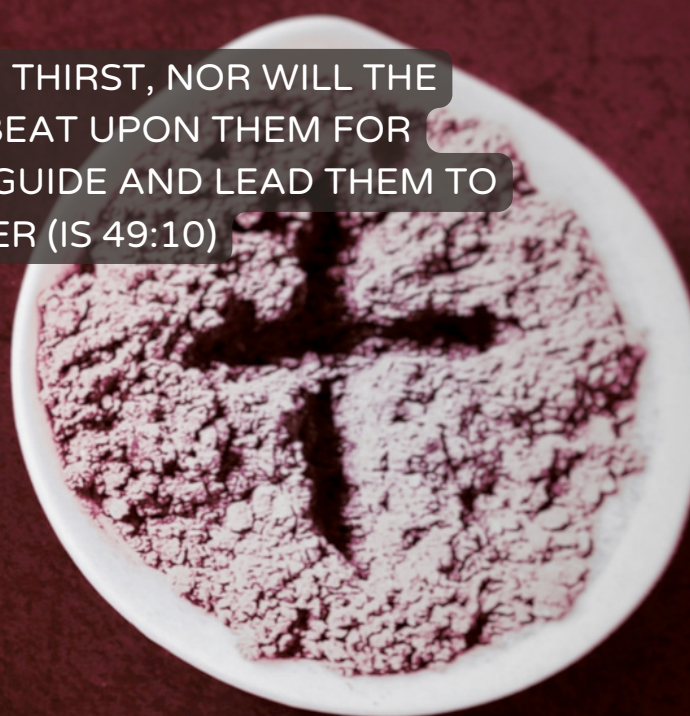




11TH NOTIFICATION & UPDATES

In the Diocese of Penang
(March 2022)

THEY WILL NEITHER HUNGER NOR THIRST, NOR WILL THE
SCORCHING WIND OR THE SUN BEAT UPON THEM FOR
HE WHO HAS MERCY ON THEM WILL GUIDE AND LEAD THEM TO
THE SPRINGS OF WATER (IS 49:10)



LENT

Ash Wednesday - 2nd March

World Water Day - 22nd March



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

INTENDED FOR ALL THE
CATHOLIC FAITHFUL IN THE
DIOCESE OF PENANG

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Bishop's Reflection

Sharing the chronology of events since the beginning of the New Millennium 2000. Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout these grace-filled events involving the universal Church and beyond.

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BISHOP SEBASTIAN FRANCIS



GREAT JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2000 – CELEBRATION OF THE 3RD (NEW) MILLENNIUM

His Holiness Pope John Paul II (Pope Saint John Paul II)

2000

“PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP” FOR A CATCH: “DUC IN ALTUM.” (Lk 5:4)



GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE FEDERATION OF THE ASIAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE (FABC)

Catholic Bishops of Asia

2022

“BUT GOD WARNED THE WISE MEN IN A DREAM NOT TO GO BACK TO HEROD. SO THEY WENT HOME TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY BY A DIFFERENT WAY” (Mt 2:12)

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY 2021 – 2023

2023

His Holiness Pope Francis

communion | participation | mission



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GREAT JUBILEE YEAR 2000 + 25 YEARS = CELEBRATION OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

2025

His Holiness Pope Francis

MOTTO: ‘PILGRIMS OF HOPE’



PAN MALAYSIA PASTORAL CONVENTION 2026

2026

Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia

CELEBRATE, LISTEN AND WALK IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD (CF. ISAIAH 2: 2-5)





HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE

- Let us remember our seminarians and external students in prayer as they embark on a new year of formation. The attached list comprises of those from the Diocese of Penang. ([Click Here](#)).
- Lenten Campaign 2022 with the theme: "Together We Restore, Renew, Rebuild" begins with Ash Wednesday, 2nd March 2022. The resources and relevant materials which includes the Bishop's Lenten message for 2022 can be found at the Caritas Penang website: caritaspenang.com
The website will be officially launched at the Ash Wednesday Mass on 2nd March 2022 by Bishop Sebastian Francis. This Mass will be broadcast at 8.00pm. [Link to Mass](#)
- The Rite of Election for the Diocese of Penang will be celebrated on the following dates:
 - 5th March 2022 (Sat) – Rite of Election for Pg. Island and Northern Deanery
Minor Basilica of St. Anne, BM @ 3pm
 - 6th March 2022 (Sun) – Rite of Election for Perak Deanery
Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh @ 5pm
 Let us remember all elects as we remain united in prayer in their new journey of faith. Due to the restrictions in place with the current situation, these masses will be attended by the elects and their sponsors along with their families and RCIA formators. The Rite of Election for 5th March 2022 will be available to all [here](#).
- The Chapel of Immaculate Conception, Sg. Batu, Kedah is under the jurisdiction of Church of Christ the King, Sungai Petani, Kedah. More details and testimonies on this serene chapel is available at their [website](#).
- The formerly known Penang Diocesan Pastoral Centre (PDPC) at 52-L Penang Road, 10000 Penang for formation and accommodation will now be called "**Stella Maris 2 in the City (SM2intheCity)**". For enquiries and bookings, kindly contact Ms. Amanda Chan at 04-8904522 or 011- 36021434.
- The Little Sisters of the Poor – Home for the Aged, Penang is looking for interested candidates to be employed at their Home in Penang. The available vacancies and the contact person can be found at the poster [here](#).
- We remember with gratitude these sanctuaries in the Diocese of Penang founded by the French Missionaries:-
 - The Roman Catholic Chapel of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, also known as the Leper Asylum Church, which was built on a land adjoining the Leprosy Hospital in 1890 by Fr. Emile Mariette MEP.
 - The Church of the Sacred Heart, Pagar Teras, established in 1882 by Fr. Jean Francois Allard MEP.
 Spearheaded by the Penang Diocesan Catholic Heritage Preservation Committee together with the Bishop of Penang, these ruins will now begin the process of restoration with your generous help and contribution. ([Click here to read more](#))



BISHOP'S DIARY

1 MAR	Diocesan Finance Meeting - Pusat Keuskupan Katolik
5 MAR	Rite of Election for Penang Island & Northern Deanery - Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam
6 MAR	Rite of Election for Perak Deanery - Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Ipoh
8 MAR	FABC Central Committee & Offices Meeting - Zoom
9 MAR	Peninsular Malaysia Pastoral Team Meeting - Zoom FABC Central Committee & Offices Meeting - Zoom
10 MAR	FABC Central Committee Meeting - Zoom
11 MAR	Peninsular Finance Meeting - Zoom
14 MAR	Session on Life Everlasting: 4 Last Things Penang Diocesan New Evangelization Commission - Zoom
15 MAR	Council of Priests - Stella Maris Clergy Monthly Recollection - Stella Maris
16 MAR	Clergy Monthly Recollection - Stella Maris Permanent Deacons' Formation - Stella Maris
17 MAR	Permanent Deacons' Formation - Stella Maris
23 MAR	College General Bishops' Staff Meeting - College General
26 MAR	CHARIS Malaysia General Meeting - Zoom

Pope's Prayer Intention For March

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

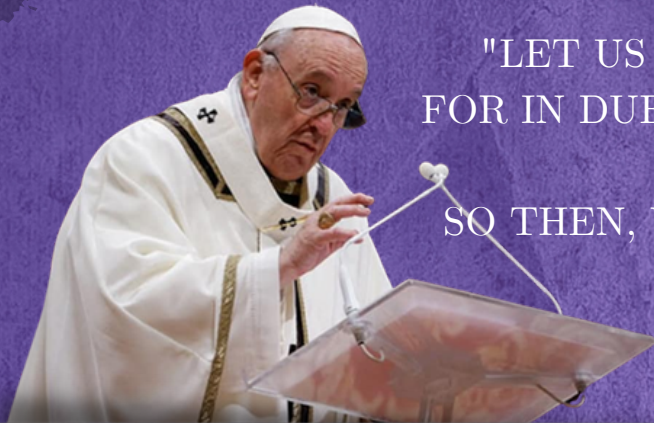
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

LENT 2022

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Read The Full
Lenten Message](#)



"LET US NOT GROW TIRED OF DOING GOOD,
FOR IN DUE TIME WE SHALL REAP OUR HARVEST,
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.
SO THEN, WHILE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY,
LET US DO GOOD TO ALL"
(GAL 6: 9-10)



This Lenten Journey and Season, as we focus on Restoration, let us work together to be agents of Hope and Peace to restore ourselves, our family, our communities and our environment, as we journey together to be the heartbeat of Jesus to all. May our prayer, fasting and alms-giving begin the process of restoration for the common good of all.

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled season of Lent.
I hope that this Lent will be the best Lent
that you have ever experienced in your entire life
while in the midst of many uncertainties.

BISHOP SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

