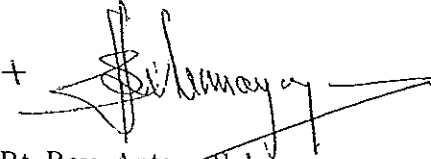


GUIDELINES OF DISTRICT PASTORAL COUNCILS (DPC) (C.374:2)

- a) Aim : 1. Animation of the whole Pastorate of the District: building BECs (small communities), Liturgical, Catechetical, Youth, Movements of Spirituality, Language Apostolates, etc. (Discussions and actions should centre on the general thrust of the Diocesan Comprehensive Plan and not on the day to day matters of individuals, groups, organisations or parishes.)
2. It's own formation and formation of parishes in the district in relation to the Vision-Mission statement of the Peninsular Malaysia Church and the Diocesan Comprehensive Plan.
3. Coordination among parishes as regards to programmes and activate other pertinent pastoral matters in the district.
- b) Composition : 1. All priests in the districts (Ex-officio)
2. One male and one female representative from the religious congregations in the district (Ex-officio)
3. Two lay members from each PPC
4. Two youth representatives from the District Youth Council
5. One representative from the District Catechetical Committee
6. One representative from the District Liturgical Committee
7. Two from the District Chinese Apostolate
8. Two from the District Tamil Apostolate and
9. Others as needed.
- c) Term of office : Conditioned by the constitution of each group/organisation.
- d) Office bearers : 1. President (District Senator presides in the name of the Bishop)
2. Chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Link person to the Diocesan Animation Team
5. Representatives to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.
- e) Meetings : At least once in three (3) months

These guidelines are approved by the Bishop of Penang and come into effect on the 1st of January 2002.

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Rt. Rev. Antony Selvanayagam

25th December 2001
Christmas