

STATUTES OF THE
PENANG DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (PDPC)
(Can. 511 - 514)

Article 1: Name

The name of this body shall be: Penang Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Article 2: Purpose

1. To provide a forum for regular dialogue among Catholics in the diocese.
2. To study and to weigh matters which bear on pastoral activity and to formulate practical conclusions regarding them.

Article 3: Nature

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body.

Article 4: Membership

1. Ex-officio member: Vicar General
2. Appointed members:
 - a) 5 priests *
 - b) 10 lay persons +
 - c) 2 Religious
 - d) 1 DAT
 - e) 1 PDPI
3. Nominated members
The Bishop may nominate persons according to need. They may be from the laity, clergy or religious.

Article 5: Term of membership

1. The term of the appointed and nominated members shall be 3 years.
2. The ex-officio member retains the membership, as long as he is in office.
3. Members can be re-appointed or re-nominated for a second term but not for a third term consecutively.

Article 6: Procedure

1. All business at the meetings shall be transacted by discussion by the Council. However, discussion by groups could precede the general Council meeting.
2. The Diocesan Pastoral Council shall meet at least once a year on a date announced by the Secretary.
3. The quorum of the Diocesan Pastoral Council shall be at least half of the total number.

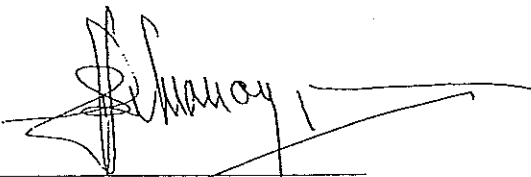
Article 7: Office bearers

1. President: The Bishop is the president of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.
2. Executive Committee: The Diocesan Pastoral Council elects the secretary and four members, two of whom shall be from the laity, who along with the President and the V.G. form the executive committee. The committee presided over by the Bishop prepares the agenda. The executive committee is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Diocesan Pastoral Council after the approval of the Bishop.
3. The Secretary shall, in consultation with the President, fix the date of the meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Notice of the meeting shall be served on all members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council two months before the date of the meeting, giving them two weeks to submit topics or items for the agenda.
The Secretary shall also keep the minutes of meetings, keep all records in order, conduct correspondence and help the Executive Committee in the implementation of the decisions made at such meetings.
4. The President shall appoint a Moderator for the meetings from among the members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Article 8: Vacant See

When the See is vacant, the Diocesan Pastoral Council lapses.

These revised statutes were approved by me and come into effect on the 31st day of August 2002.

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Rt. Rev. Antony Selvanayagam
Bishop of Penang

Date: 15 August 2002
Feast of the Assumption

- * one from each district.
- + two from each district.