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CHARIS MALAYSIA

In 2015, Pope Francis had invited the presidents of ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services) and of the Catholic Fraternity (aka Covenanted for Christ Communities) to reflect on the advantages of forming one single service for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide and pursuant to that, to enter actively into the process which led to the creation of CHARIS which was erected on 31st October 2018.

The purpose of CHARIS is to provide a new, single, international service for the needs of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Church. CHARIS is the international service organism for all expressions of the CCR. It promotes and strengthens communion among all charismatic realities, fostering a sense of the worldwide family of Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

It is in line with the direction of CHARIS International that we are pleased to announce the formation of CHARIS Malaysia on 10th August, 2020. CHARIS Malaysia and its statutes were subsequently endorsed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia (CBCM) on 13th August, 2020. This is the first time there is a national body to service the needs of the CCR in Semenanjung, Sabah and Sarawak.

The four broad objectives of CHARIS are :

- 1 – Promote living Life in the Spirit through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- 2 – Communion within the Church
- 3 – Promote Ecumenism
- 4 – Service to the Poor and marginalized.

As such, we invite all charismatic groups (prayer groups and the Fellowship of Covenant Communities) in Malaysia to register with CHARIS Malaysia via the email enclosed below. The Diocesan Service Of Communion (previously known as DST's) may collate and submit the listing to CHARIS Malaysia.

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While we begin to get things off the ground, we ask for your intercession for CHARIS Malaysia as we work together to build God's kingdom here on earth.

God bless.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sebastian Francis". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Rt Rev Sebastian Francis
Bishop of Penang
Episcopal Advisor to CHARIS Malaysia.