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Diocese of Penang

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Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers and Heads of Ministries,

## Re: Request for prayers

## Greetings!

I received information from Fr. Lawrence Andrews regarding the case of the use of the word "Allah" by Christians. We are aware that this case has not had a final decision and I would like to request for your prayers for the hearing of the same case which will resume in the Appeal Court on Thursday,  $23^{rd}$  May, 2013. Let us together as one Church pray that the freedom of expression of our faith be not prevented nor controlled in our context in Malaysia.

Secondly, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi that falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2013, the Holy Father will preside over a special Eucharistic adoration that will extend at the same time all over the world involving the cathedrals and parishes in each diocese. For an hour, **at 5pm (Rome time)**, the whole world will be united in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since for our local time it would be 11pm which may not be conducive for our people, I suggest that together with your parishioners you may decide on a more suitable time at Corpus Christi for the same intentions. For parishes that may want to follow the exact time for the adoration at 11pm may do so in union with the whole Church.

Wishing you all the fullness of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost!

United in prayers,

Rt. Rev. Sebastian Francis

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