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Dear Bishop Emeritus, Fathers, Deacons, Consecrated Men & Women, and the Lay Faithful,

Re: Establishment of the Church of St. Anne as a Minor Basilica

Greetings of Joy!

I am pleased to inform you that we have received the Decree dated 5th September 2019 from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments which grants the title to the Church of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam as a Minor Basilica.

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you and the entire people of God for your prayerful support in this significant and historic milestone for the Diocese of Penang, the Church of Malaysia and the entire region.

The official inauguration ceremony of the Minor Basilica of St. Anne, Bukit Mertajam will be announced when the date has been finalized.

Together with the Universal Church and with the intercession of Mary our Mother, let us strive more earnestly in this Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019 to be Missionary Disciples of Joy, Mercy and Hope in the world.

"Be Disciples of Hope"

Sincerely in Christ,

Sebastian Francis

Rt. Rev. Sebastian Francis
Bishop of Penang

