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My dear Parishioners,

This year the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur will observe **LENT** from Ash Wednesday 14 February 2024 to Easter Sunday 31 March 2024, with the Lenten Campaign Theme: **“Church Celebrating Human Fraternity”**.

While we will be observing the usual Lenten practices of **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**, alongside our weekly Stations of the Cross, this year’s Lenten campaign theme points the way to encourage the **safeguarding of creation and support for the poorest and most vulnerable**, so that with unity and cooperation among people of faith we will serve and promote human dignity and fraternity, and ultimately promote peace among all peoples.

The Lenten theme does bear a similarity and affinity with our own SFX parish’s Jesuit Mission that is, the **Universal Apostolic Preferences (UAP)** which we are all familiar with particularly UAP 2 and UAP 4.

The various Lenten campaign activities this year will see all the 8 districts of the KL Archdiocese respectively hosting a Lenten activity. Information on these activities will be made available via the Archdiocese Office of Human Development (AOHD) website www.aohd.org and any enquiries can be made via WhatsApp 03-20785888 and Direct Line 03-20785777. A dedicated QR code will enable us to register our intended participation in any of the activities of the 8 districts.

For the Petaling District, SFX Church will be hosting parish for the AOHD’s Ministry for Special Needs activity which carries the sub-theme ‘Any Body Can Dance’ (ABCD) on **Saturday, 2nd March 2024 from 9.30am to 12noon**. Do keep a look out for more information on participation.

Do note that our church will be hosting the Archdiocesan-wide **Lenten Penitential Service** on **Tuesday, 12 March 2024 starting at 7.15pm**. On Saturday of the same week, **16 March**, come enjoy an evening of **chamber choir performance** brought to us by BAVE Chamber Choir and their rendition of Mark Hayes’ The Power of the Cross. The songs invite us to a contemplative journey of Christ through the events of Holy Week. This fund-raising concert will also assist the choir to compete in the *Musica Eterna a Roma* in Italy in July 2024. Details will be made available in our church notices and bulletin.

It leaves me to wish one and all, a blessed season of Lent 2024. May the Holy Spirit move us all in its gentle way to celebrate human fraternity through the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy it inspires in us as we prepare for Easter 2024.

Yours in the Lord,

Rev Fr. Alvin Ng Sze Syn, SJ
Parish Priest