





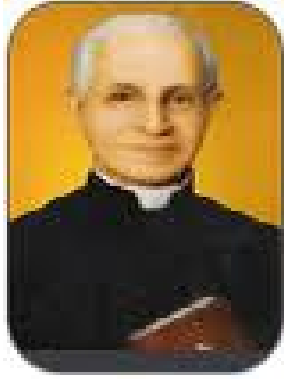
# VENERABLES ധന്യർ


## Venerables from India

**Venerable (Ven.):** A Servant of God declared to be "heroic in virtue" during the investigation and process leading to possible canonization as a saint. Before a person is considered to be venerable, he or she must be declared as such by a proclamation, approved by the Pope, of having lived a life that was "heroic in virtue" – the virtues being the Theological Virtues of faith, hope, and charity and the Cardinal Virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.


### Syro Malabar church

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| 1 | <b>Ven. Fr. Joseph Vithayathil</b>  | <b>ഫാ. ജോസഫ് വിതയത്തിൽ</b>   |  |
|   |    | Native Place   | Puthenpally, Ernakulam, Kerala             |
|   |   | Date of Birth  | 1865 July 23                               |
|   |   | Died on  | 1964 June 8                                |
|   |   | Servant of God   | 2004 May 18                                |
|   |   | Venerable  | 2015 December 14                           |
|   |   | Fr. Joseph Vithayathil was a Diocesan Priest, Spiritual director of St. Mariam Thesia and the co-founder of the Congregation of Holy family. Proclamation as the Servant of God was on 18th May 2004. He was elevated to Venerable on 14 December 2015 by Pope Francis.  |  |
| 2 | <b>Ven. Fr. Varghese Payyappilly</b>  | <b>വർഗീസ് പയ്യപ്പിള്ളി</b>   |  |
|   |   | Native Place   | Perumanoor, Ernakulam, Kerala              |
|   |   | Date of Birth  | 1876 August 8                              |
|   |   | Died on  | 1929 October 5                             |
|   |   | Servant of God   | 2009 September 6                           |
|   |   | Venerable  | 2018 April 14                              |
|   |   | Varghese Payappilly (Palakkappilly) was a Sryan Catholic priest and the founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Destitute. The Cause of the Beatification of Rev. Fr. Varghese Payapilly Palakkappilly was initiated by His Eminence Mar Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in a ceremony held at the motherhouse of the Sisters of the Destitute on 6 September 2009. On 14 April 2018 Pope Francis declared him "Venerable".  |  |
| 3 | <b>Ven. Mar Thomas Kurialacherry</b>  | <b>മാർ. തോമസ് കുര്യാളശ്ശേരി</b>  |  |
|   |  | Native Place   | Champakulam, Changanacherry, Kerala        |
|   |   | Date of Birth  | 1873 January 14                            |
|   |   | Died on  | 1925 June 2                                |
|   |   | Servant of God   | 1985 January 25                            |
|   |   | Venerable  | 2011 April 2                               |
|   |   | Venerable Thomas Kurialacherry was the former Bishop of the Diocese of Changanacherry. He was an eminent educationist and social worker. He founded the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (S.A.B.S) on 8th December 1908. In 1935, ten years after his death, his Cause of Canonisation was initiated giving him the title "Servant of God." On Saturday, April 2, 2011, the Holy Father, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI approved a statement saying that Bishop Kurialachery had lived a life of heroic virtue. This gave him the additional title of "Venerable".         |  |
| 4 | <b>Ven. Fr. Mathew Kadalikkattil</b>  | <b>ഫാ. മാത്യു കദളിക്കാട്ടിൽ</b>  |  |
|   |  | Native Place   | Edapady, Meenachil, Palai Diocese, Kerala. |
|   |   | Date of Birth  | 1872 April 25                              |
|   |   | Died on  | 1935 May 23                                |
|   |   | Servant of God   | 1989 November 12                           |
|   |   | Venerable  | 2011 June 27                               |
|   |   | Father Mathew Kadalikkattil is the founder of Sacred Heart Congregation for Women. Confessional and pulpit were the two chief venues of his pastoral ministry. His mortal remains were interred at S.H. Convent Chapel, Palai on Sept. 6, 1937. His cause of canonization was taken up in 1987 and he was declared Servant of God in 1989. Holy father Pope Benedict XVI signed the Decree promulgated by the Congregation for the cause of Saints concerning the Heroic Virtues of the Servant of God Fr. Mathew Kadalikkattil, raising him to the status of 'Venerable' on 27th June 2011. |  |

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| 5  | <b>Ven. Fr. Augustine John Ukken</b>  |                |                                    |
|  |  | Native Place   | Thoyakkavu, Thrissur Dist., Kerala |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1880 December 19                   |
|  |   | Died on        | 1956 October 13                    |
|  |   | Servant of God | 2008 August 24                     |
|  |   | Venerable      | 2018 December 21                   |
| <p>The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity (CSC) was founded on 21st November 1944 by Rev. Fr. Augustine John Ukken, with the approval of Rt. Rev. Dr. George Alappat, Bishop of Thrissur, Kerala. The declaration of the Father Augustine John Ukken as Servant of God made by Archbishop Andrews Thazhath of Thrissur on August 24, 2008. He was raised to the status of Venerable on 21st December 2018.</p> |   |                |                                    |

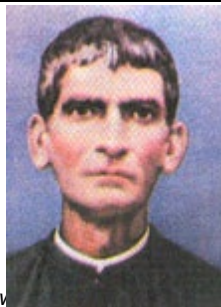
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| 6  | <b>Ven. Sr. Maria Celine Kannanaikal UMI</b>                                       |                |                                    |
|  |  | Native Place   | Kundanoor, Thrissur, Kerala, India |
|  |  | Date of Birth  | 1931 February 13                   |
|  |  | Died on        | 1957 July 25                       |
|  |  | Servant of God | 2007 July 29                       |
|  |  | Venerable      | 2022 November 8                    |
| <p>Sr. Celine's love for the Crucified Lord was extraordinary. She wanted to live and to suffer for Jesus. During her lifetime she was favored with ecstasies and visions of Our Lord and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. On her profession day Jesus had told Sr. Celine that He would come soon to take her to her eternal home. She lived only 35 days after her profession. She is proclaimed as SERVANT OF GOD (first step to sainthood) on the 28th day of July 2007 and Venerable on 8th November 2022.</p> |  |                |                                    |

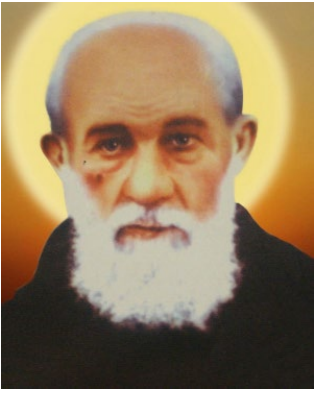



**Syro Malankara church**




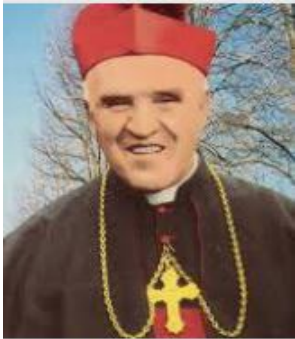

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| 7   | <b>SG. Geevarghese Mar Ivanios</b>  |                |                     |
|   |  | Native Place   | Mavelikkara, Kerala |
|   |   | Date of Birth  | 1882 September 21   |
|   |   | Died on        | 1953 July 15        |
|   |   | Servant of God | 2007 July 14        |
|   |   | Venerable      | 2024 March 14       |
| <p>The Father of the Re-union movement and the First Archbishop of the Malankara Catholic Church. Servant of God Mor Ivanios OIC was the first Metropolitan Archbishop of Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. He is the founder of the Bethany Ashram order of monks. Archbishop Mar Ivanios was declared venerable (Daivadasan) on 14 July 2007. The proclamation was read by Major Archbishop Baselios Mar Cleemis at the Cathedral in Trivandrum, India. He is the first member of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church to be so designated. His cause for canonisation continues.</p> |   |                |                     |

**Latin church**

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| 8   | <b>Ven. Aurelian of the Blessed Sacrament OCD</b>                                   |                | <b>ഫാദർ അവുറേലിയൻ</b>                            |
|   |  | Native Place   | Archunduaga, Basauri near Bilbao Province, Spain |
|   |   | Date of Birth  | 1887 June 2                                      |
|   |   | Died on        | 1963 November 16                                 |
|   |   | Servant of God | 1980 December 17                                 |
|   |   | Venerable      | 1999 March 26                                    |
| <p>Father Aurelian was a theologian, professor, writer and spiritual leader. He was a Spanish priest who trained over 1, 500 priests and who lived in India for more than 50 years. Father Aurelian was spiritual director (1914 – 44), vice rector (1934 – 44) and rector (1944 – 56) of the St Joseph's Seminary, Aluva in Kerala. The Vatican declared him Servant of God on December 17, 1980. He was declared Venerable on March 26, 1999.</p> |   |                |  |

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| 9  | <b>Ven. Agnelo de Souza</b>   |                |                    |
|  |  | Native Place   | Anjuna, Goa, India |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1869 January 21    |
|  |   | Died on        | 1927 November 20   |
|  |   | Servant of God | 1969 May 27        |
|  |   | Venerable      | 1986 November 10   |
| <p>Agnelo Gustavo Adolfo de Souza was a Roman Catholic priest of the Society of Missionaries of St. Francis Xavier who performed missionary work in Goa, India. Padre Agnelo was declared venerable by the Vatican on November 10, 1986.</p> |   |                |                    |

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| 10   | <b>Ven. Fr. Zacharias OCD</b>        |                                       | ഫാ. സക്കരിയാസ് |
|   | Native Place                         | Abadiano, Spain                       |                |
|  | Date of Birth                        | 1887 November 5                       |                |
|  | Died on                              | 1957 May 23                           |                |
|  | Servant of God                       | 1987 January 14                       |                |
|  | Venerable                            | 2014 January 27                       |                |
| Theologian, philosopher, missionary, preacher and historian, Fr. Zacharias was a Spanish Carmelite who spent almost five decades in India. He was ordained priest on July 11, 1911 and opted to work in India. Fr. Zacharias arrived at Ernakulam, Kerala on Oct. 9, 1912. He was professor at St. Joseph's Seminary, <b>Aluva</b> for 44 years (1913-1957). He was the Commissar General of OCD Manjummel Province from 1951 to 1957. Declared Servant of God on Jan. 14, 1987. The mortal remains of was transferred to Immaculate Conception Church Manjummel on 8th June 2000. On Monday, January 27, 2014, Holy Father Francis has given the authorization to promulgate decrees to proclaim Fr. Zacharias of the Saint Teresa OCD as Venerable.  |                                      |                                       |                |
| 11   | <b>Ven. John Vincent (Carmelite)</b> |                                       |                |
|    | Native Place                         | Juan Vicente Zengotita-Bengoia Lasuen |                |
|  | Date of Birth                        | 1862 July 19                          |                |
|  | Died on                              | 1943 February 27                      |                |
|  | Venerable                            | 1996 January 12                       |                |
| John Vincent of Jesus and Mary (19 July 1862 – 27 February 1943) was a Spanish Carmelite priest, declared as venerable by the Catholic church. He was born in Berriz, Basque country on 19 July 1862. He entered the Order of Discalced Carmelites. He arrived in Bombay on 7 December 1900, and went to Goa to venerate the relics of St. Francis Xavier. He studied English and Malayalam. He also wrote a book about the local language. He served in the Verapoly Archdiocese in Kerala for 17 years. Fr. John Vincent returned to Spain in 1917. He died in 1943. The cause of his beatification was opened on 20 November 1950. John Paul II elevated him to the status of Venerable on January 12, 1996.  |                                      |                                       |                |
| 12   | <b>Ven. Mother Eliswa Vakayil</b>    |                                       |                |
|   | Native Place                         | Ochanthuruth, Verapoly, Kerala.       |                |
|  | Date of Birth                        | 1831 October 15                       |                |
|  | Died on                              | 1913 July 18                          |                |
|  | Servant of God                       | 2008 May 30                           |                |
|  | Venerable                            | 2023 November 8                       |                |
| Mother Eliswa is the foundress of the Congregation of Teresian Carmelites (CTC). It is the first Carmelite indigenous Congregation for women in India. She was declared as Servant of God on 30th May, 2008. Archbishop of Verapoly, Daniel Acharuparambil, made the announcement during the Eucharistic celebration at St. Francis Assisi Cathedral, Ernakulam. On 8 November 2023, Pope Francis declared her to be venerable.  |                                      |                                       |                |
| 13   | <b>Ven. Veronica of the Passion</b>  |                                       |                |
|   | Native Place                         | Constantinople                        |                |
|  | Date of Birth                        | 1823 October 1                        |                |
|  | Died on                              | 1906 November 16                      |                |
|  | Venerable                            | 2014 July 7                           |                |
| Mother Veronica is the foundress of Apostolic Carmel, a religious congregation for women. She was born of English parents in Constantinople. She became Catholic at the age of 27 in Malta, Cyprus. On receiving an inspiration to start an Apostolic Carmel she came to <b>India in 1862</b> and spent two years at Mangalore and Kozhikode. Later she left for France and joined the Cloistered Carmel of Pau in 1867. She prepared a group of sisters of the Carmelite Third Order Regular as 'Carmel for Missions' congregation at Bayonne, France, on July 16, 1868. Through them she founded the Apostolic Carmel in Mangalore, Karnataka, in 1868. Later she rejoined Carmel of Pau. Mother Veronica died and was buried in Pau in 1906. Her cause of canonization was taken up by the sisters of the Apostolic Carmel in 1997. Declared as Venerable in July 2014. |                                      |                                       |                |

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| 14   | <b>Ven. Sr. Fernanda Riva</b>   |                |   |
|  |    | Native Place   | Monza, Italy                              |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1920 April 17                             |
|  |   | Died on        | 1956 January 22                           |
|  |   | Servant of God | 1994 August 13                            |
|  |   | Venerable      | 2012 June 28                              |
| <p>Fernanda Riva was born on 17 April 1920 in Monza, Italy. She joined the Canossian Missionary Novitiate in Vimercate, Milan, on 19 March 1939. She completed her B.A., B. Ed at the Colleges in Belgaum from 1943 to 1947, and came to Mumbai for her master's degree in Education. Riva came to Mumbai, India on 30 October 1939. She was principal of the St. Joseph's College for Women Alleppey, Kerala. From July 1950 to September 1953 Riva served at Canossa High School, Mahim, first as a teacher and then as principal. In September 1953, Riva was transferred to St. Joseph's Convent, Alleppey, Kerala, to start the St. Joseph's College for Women there and take over as its first principal. This took a good bit of her energy – to supervise the construction and equipment of the college. She was elevated to 'Servant of God' on 13 August 1994 by Simon Cardinal Pimenta. On 28 June 2012, she was declared 'Venerable' by Pope Benedict XVI.</p> |   |                |   |
| 15   | <b>Ven. Mary Jane Wilson</b>  |                |   |
|  |   | Born at        | Hurryhur, Mysore, Karnataka               |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1840 October 3                            |
|  |   | Died on        | 1916 October 18                           |
|  |   | Venerable      | 2013 October 9                            |
| <p>Born to English parents in India. Raised an Anglican and converted to Catholicism, joining the Church in France in 1873. Worked as a nurse, and taught catechism to children. Founded the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Victory on 15 January 1884, dedicating to caring for children and the sick. Worked with victims of the smallpox epidemic of 1907. She is also known as Maria of Saint Francis. Venerated on 9 October 2013 by Pope Francis.</p>   |   |                |   |
| 16   | <b>Ven. Francesco Convertini</b>  |                |   |
|  |  | Born at        | Marinelli, Brindisi, Kingdom of Italy     |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1898 August 29                            |
|  |   | Died on        | 1976 February 11                          |
|  |   | Venerable      | 2017 January 20                           |
| <p>Francesco Convertini, SDB (29 August 1898 – 11 February 1976) was an Italian Catholic priest and member of the Salesians of Don Bosco. He served in the missions in India since arriving there in the mid-1920s and dedicated his apostolate to tending to children suffering from malnutrition and fostering interreligious dialogue and tolerance. He also dedicated himself to preserving the environmental protection of local communities in waste-ridden areas and travelled to various communities to bring forth the Gospel message to all people. The process for the late priest's beatification launched in the Krishnagar diocese in the late 1990s and he became titled as a Servant of God; he was later titled as Venerable in 2017 after Pope Francis confirmed that Convertini had practiced heroic virtue throughout his life.</p>  |   |                |   |
| 17   | <b>Ven. Francesco Convertini</b>  |                |   |
|  |  | Born at        | Rendi Khana, Hatigaon, Sijubari, Shillong |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1895 September 28                         |
|  |   | Died on        | 1978 June 21                              |
|  |   | Venerable      | 2016 March 3                              |
| <p>Stephen Ferrando was an Italian Roman Catholic priest belonging to the Salesians of Don Bosco. He served in the missions in Asia once he was ordained and was stationed in India where he led a diocese of his own. He also established his religious congregation. Ferrandor Kola Bhuss Servant of Bhuss as being the first stage in the process. On 3 March 2016 he was proclaimed to be Venerable after Pope Francis recognized that Ferrando led a life of heroic virtue</p>  |   |                |   |
| 18   | <b>Ven. Bishop Anastasius Hartmann</b>  |                |   |
|  |  | Native Place   | Altwis, Switzerland                       |
|  |   | Date of Birth  | 1803 February 24                          |
|  |   | Died on        | 1866 April 24                             |
|  |   | Venerable      | 1998 December 21                          |
| <p>Bishop Anastasius Hartmann was a Capuchin missionary in India, Titular Bishop and Vicar Apostolic of Patna and Bombay. He was born to Altwis, the son of peasants Joseph Hartmann and his wife Barbara Nietlisbach born and the day after his birth in the competent local parish church Hitzkirch baptized. He was declared Venerable on 21 December 1998 by Pope John Paul II.</p>  |   |                |   |